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U.K. miners seek ballot on strike

LONDON, March 3 (AP) — Backing away from an immediate stoppage, leaders of Britain's 204,000 miners Thursday called for a rank-and-file vote on whether to stage a nationwide strike over a threatened closure of Welsh mine.

Arthur Scargill, left-wing leader of the National Union of Mineworkers, announced the decision to reporters after an emergency meeting of the union's 27-member executive committee.

The left-dominated committee had been expected to back Scargill's call for a national strike Sunday night without balloting its members Tuesday.

But after the 1-2-hour meeting at union headquarters, Scargill emerged to say that the committee instead had decided "in the best interests of the union" to ballot its members.

He said the committee had unanimously recommended "industrial action to prevent the closure, or partial closure, of any pit, plant or unit other than on grounds of exhaustion."

Scargill said the committee gave its support to 23,000 Welsh miners already on strike in protest over the planned closure of the highly unprofitable south Wales mine, Lewis Merthyr, in July. About 200 Welsh miners demonstrated outside the meeting in favor of a strike.

Scargill, staunch critic of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government, said he expected rank-and-file members to give overwhelming support for a nationwide strike. It would be Britain's first nationwide coal strike since 1974, when a month-long walkout helped topple former Conservative Prime Minister Edward Heath.

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Rawlings survives another coup bid

ABIDJAN, March 3 (Agencies) — Ghanaian security forces are hunting the leaders of a foiled coup plot, the third attempt in five months to topple the 14-month-old revolutionary government of Flight Lt. Jerry Rawlings.

Accra radio monitored in Abidjan Wednesday night said nine soldiers were arrested on Sunday in the Ghanaian capital in a house full of arms and ammunition. They were preparing to kill Rawlings and top aides and seize power, the radio said.

The radio said there was a link between a coup attempt last November and this one, adding that the ringleaders were still at large.

A speech to be read out on state radio in the event of the coup succeeding, documents detailing money given to the plotters and a list of assassination targets including the Ghanaian leader were found in the house in the Achimota area of Accra.

Two soldiers involved in the plot were hurt in shooting, the radio said. Achimota is the site of Ghana's most famous school, which Rawlings attended as a boy, informed sources said.

Police are seeking the alleged plot leaders, named as Maj. Akanson and Lt. Col. Abidoh, the radio said.

A third ringleader was named by the radio as Dr. Ishmael Antwi. It said Dr. Antwi and his wife Stephanic, an Afro-American, were wanted by the authorities. The radio said Dr. Antwi held an American passport issued in the name of Roberto Figueres Dominguez.

Ghana is suffering severe economic problems, dramatized by national shortages of basic items like bread and soap, which have created a mood of political instability.

After foiling two coup attempts last October and November Rawlings appeared to have tightened his political grip and bolstered his personal authority. But diplomats had never ruled out the possibility of further challenges to his regime.

Observers said that Sunday's attempted coup was the most serious threat that the Rawlings regime has faced so far. The November coup attempt took place in the Burma Military Camp in Accra and resulted in the resignation of Gen. Joseph Nunoo-Mensah from his two positions as army chief of staff and member of the PNDC. Gen. Nunoo-Mensah, who was a member of the moderate faction in the ruling elite, said the nation had fallen into political, social and economic chaos and that any hope of improving the situation was doubtful.

Bacteria blamed for infertility

BOSTON, March 3 (AP) — A common, easily curable bacterial infection appears to be a major cause of infertility, and treating it may allow many childless couples to have families, research shows.

The bacteria is often passed through sexual contact, and its symptoms are so mild that most victims do not realize they have it.

Dr. Arti Toth said about one-third of all childless couples seen at his infertility clinic at New York Hospital have this infection. His study showed that when the infection is cured with antibiotics, 60 percent of the couples are able to achieve pregnancy within three years.

The culprit is a germ called mycoplasma or ureaplasma urealyticum, which invades the genital tract in both men and women.

At least 15 percent of all married couples in the United States are infertile, and Toth says, "it's my belief that at least half of all infertility cases are due to infection, and a large percentage of these are due to mycoplasma."

Toth's study was published in Thursday's issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*. A second study on the bacteria, directed by Dr. Gail H. Cassell at the University of Alabama in Birmingham, was also published in the journal.

In the New York study, the doctors used culture testing to reveal the infection in 161 men whose wives had not been able to become pregnant. Both partners were given the antibiotic doxycycline, and the drug wiped out the bacteria in 80 percent of the cases.

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Kingdom-Pakistan security accord on cards -- Naif

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 3 — Interior Minister Prince Naif said here Thursday that his government hopes to sign a mutual security agreement with Pakistan in the near future.

Speaking in an interview with *Al Bida* newspaper Prince Naif said his recent visit to Pakistan covered all aspects of mutual security between the two countries. He held talks with President Zia and other senior officials and hopes to achieve even more progress during the forthcoming visit of the Pakistani interior minister to the Kingdom.

Saudi Arabia has signed similar treaties with other countries, including the UAE, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman which are members of the Gulf Cooperation Council, as well as with Morocco.

A general security agreement binding all members of the GCC is still pending on account of objections raised by Kuwait regarding the right of hot pursuit which may take the security forces of one country deep into the territory of another.

Asked about the recruitment of foreign manpower to work here Prince Naif said the personnel procedures have been simplified and cannot be made any easier. But he hoped to see a reduction in the number of expatriates coming here.

He emphatically denied that the government was planning to confine recruitment to Arab states only. "We prefer to limit our manpower requirements to Arab and Islamic states," he said. "It would be nice if we can do that, but we are obliged to look to other countries for certain kinds of personnel," he added.

Sun sets on Elizabeth suit

LONDON, March 3 (AP) — A unique damage suit by Britain's royal family was settled out of court Wednesday after a newspaper admitted it had no right to print the backstairs gossip of a palace servant.

A palace spokesman said that Queen Elizabeth II, who is touring in California, had been kept informed.

A statement from the palace announced the settlement in the suit against Kieran Kenny, a former stores clerk in royal employ.

On Feb. 21, the daily ran one installment of Kenny's tales under the headline: "World exclusive: Queen Koo's romps at the palace." It was then stopped from printing any more by a high court injunction obtained by the queen's deputy treasurer, Russell Wood.

The offending article told how Prince Andrew's girlfriend, American Actress Koo Stark, raided the royal pantry, gave orders to the staff and helped herself to the queen's favorite chocolates.

A promised second article, "Tomorrow: When barefoot Di buried my toast," never appeared because of the injunction.

The legal action claimed damages from Kenny and the publishers for disclosing details of life among the royals because Kenny, like all palace servants, signed a secrecy oath when he got his job in March 1981.



TETE-A-TETE: In a nose to nose encounter Itsi Bitsi, a bottlenose dolphin, exchanges views with Peaches the dog. Both animals often enjoy a pool-side debate. Peaches belongs to the dolphin's trainer, and sometimes tries to mimic his master by giving Itsi Bitsi instructions. The encounter is seen taking place at the Sea Life Park in Hawaii, where the dolphin is a popular performing star.

Assam comes under martial law

GAUHATI, March 3 (AP) — Martial law was imposed Thursday in seven out of the 10 districts in riot-torn Assam state, where native Assamese have launched a drive against immigrants from neighboring Bangladesh and Nepal.

An official announcement said army units had been sent into the districts to keep order along with the police and the state civil administration, in terms of the Assam Disputed Areas Act.

White Home Minister Prakash Chandra

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Basic goods subsidies to continue

RIYADH, March 3 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian government will continue, for years to come, to subsidize the basic commodities for its citizens, Commerce Minister Dr. Solaiman A. Solaiman has said. He added that essential goods were still being sold at 1973 prices.

Non-subsidized goods, the minister said, can be found in the market at different prices, depending on the shipment dates and relative prices and currency exchange rates, storage costs and other factors. But Dr. Solaiman pointed out that the state dealt severely with merchants who overprice goods. He said the individual's annual income in recent years has outstripped the rate of inflation as a result of Saudi Arabian economic policies and anti-inflation drive.

Meanwhile, *Al-Mesa 'eyyak* reported Wednesday evening that the Commerce Ministry was examining the possibility of abolishing the official price for meat established when the supply live meat was scarce and the price high. The ministry is keen on ensuring a fair price for live meat without depriving the merchant of a reasonable profit.

Haj panel views plan of action

RIYADH, March 3 — The Higher Board of Supervision of the Pilgrimage Research Center of Ummul Qura University has met here under its chairman Interior Minister Prince Naif.

Wednesday's meeting was attended by Hassan ibn Abdullah Al-Sheikh, the minister of higher education; Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasei, the minister of pilgrimage and endowments; Dr. Abdullah Nassif, the rector of King Abdul Aziz University; Dr. Rasheed Al-Rajeh, the rector of Ummul Qura; and Sami Angawi, the director of the center.

Talks dealt with the center's new plan of action; the development of the center; and other important topics. The meeting also examined a number of studies and research documents, particularly on the prevention of fires during the Haj. Prince Naif then toured the center, together with Muhammad Aba Al-Khalil, minister of finance and national economy, and attended a lunch given in his honor there.

Naif also told newsmen that the center was now a complete, integrated project despite its young age. He said that the facility was a real data bank for all that concerns pilgrimage. He added that the draft by-laws of the ministerial committee supervising the center will soon be discussed and approved.



IDB PRESENTATION: The Saudi Arabian Cultural Society Wednesday night held a special presentation in honor of the Board of Governors of the Islamic Development Bank and delegation members who participated in the seventh annual session of the IDB Board of Governors. The presentation, which was held at the Information Center Hall, featured among others, the Nejd dance. Picture shows, IDB President Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali (fourth from right) and other members of the board of governors joining in the Nejd dance.

Over 250 physicians participating Heat stroke seminar opens tomorrow

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

detecting, screening and treating the heat disorder, particularly during the Hajj period in the Kingdom.

Participating in the workshop program will be specialists from the Health Ministry hospitals; faculty of medicine at King Faisal University, Dammam; King Saud University, Riyadh; King Abdul Aziz University, Jeddah; Alha Faculty of Medicine; King Fahd Medical Research Center; Hajj Research Center and number of specialists from the United States, Canada, Australia, France, West Germany, Britain and Kuwait.

The symposium will discuss major problems facing the health sector in the next 15 years, particularly the heat stroke and the related complications during pilgrimage.

Gulf Meridien reservation computerized

By Shahid Orakzai
Alkhobas Bureau

ALKHOBAR, March 3 — The Gulf Meridien Hotel Alkhobar has been linked to the computerized reservation system of Air France which will enable the hotel management to get room reservation for its checking out customers in any of the 45 Meridien hotels worldwide.

"Confirmation of reservations with Meridien will now take only a few seconds," Assistant Sales Manager Patrick Mouchabhan told *Arab News*. He said the Gulf Meridien was one of the three Meridiens in the Middle East to have been connected to the worldwide communication network of Air France. The other two Meridien hotels in the Middle East to benefit from the network,

about 4,800 terminals worldwide in 1,500 sales offices in 306 cities, are Meridien Cairo and Meridien Abu Dhabi.

Mouchabhan said the new system, in operation since Feb. 19, will also ensure better service to local travel agencies by increased efficiency and accurate information on any Meridien hotel since the computerized service gives detailed description of all rates, facilities, sports and services in the system.

The connection will allow the Meridien chain, a subsidiary of the French national airline company, to benefit from the worldwide commercial sales force of Air France as a support to its own. "It would allow us to give a better service to the guests by knowing their whole travel schedule," Mouchabhan said.

King stresses collective prayers

MAKKAH, March 3 — King Fahd has urged all ministries, government departments and public institutions to perform collective prayers regularly, *Al-Mesa 'eyyak* reported Wednesday evening, quoting *Orakzai*.

The King said in a circular that the senior officials of each ministry, government departments and public institutions should give the example to their staff.

King Fahd said that a certain laxity was noted recently to the extent that certain officials were overly showing that they did not join in collective prayers. "Even in some ministries and government departments the senior officials were providing bad example for the junior staff who imitated them in leaving the prayers."

"More over certain firms, establishments, shops and exhibition halls were not organizing or even paying any attention to prayer services, despite previous public warnings," the King Said.

King Fahd, who is also the servant of the two Harams, said that all civil servants and employees should be urged to pray, and the importance of praying should be reiterated all the time, so as not to give a chance to undisciplined persons to indulge in that abominable misgiving, (fleeing one of the most sacred religious duties) in a country which was the cradle of divine inspiration and the birthplace of the Messenger of Allah.

King Fahd therefore urged all senior officials to pray in unison with their personnel on time, and not to relinquish this duty under any pretext. He also sent a note to the Commerce Ministry asking it to inform all national and foreign companies and establishments that they should see to it that their Muslim staff maintain the prayer tradition. King Fahd also directed the Presidency of the Board for the Encouragement of Virtue and the Elimination of Vice to use "reasonable firmness" to incite people to fulfill the prayer tenet.

Minister OKs poultry projects

RIYADH, March 3 — Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, the minister of agriculture and water, has licensed more poultry projects in various parts of Saudi Arabia, *Al-Riyad* reported Thursday.

The first SR6.8 million project in Al-Kharj calls for the production of 17,146,800 eggs annually. The second SR12.8 million table meat chicken project in the same area will produce 11,440 chickens a year. The third SR5.4 million project in the Eastern Province will produce 11,616,000 eggs per year.

A fourth SR3.9 million project in Al-Muzahemiyah will produce 64,800 table meat chickens a year.

IDB to study Fahd's plea for Islamic common market

JEDDAH, March 3 (SPA) — King Fahd's call for the creation of an Islamic common market will be discussed by the Islamic Development Bank, the Chairman of the IDB's Board of Governors Salem Mousaibah has announced here. Speaking at a press conference Wednesday, Mousaibah expressed the hope that such a market would be established, saying it embodied joint Islamic action.

He also told reporters, in the presence of IDB President Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali, that the existence of financial establishments in the Islamic world on the bank's pattern

Sunday last day for buying livestock company's shares

By S. Shahid
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, March 3 — Sunday, March 6, has been fixed as the last day for subscribers to buy the shares of the Saudi Arabian Livestock and Trading Co. The company became public following a decision by the Commerce Ministry last month.

The SR500 million firm sets for itself the goal of breaking the monopoly of the big cities and aims at transporting cattle and meat to consumers all over the Kingdom. Priority has been given to establishing an efficient transport system which will start with 25 trucks of a multipurpose design to carry containers, fodder as well as cattle.

Twenty-four leading Saudi Arabian firms and businessmen have subscribed to the con-

stituent SR200 million initial capital. The list includes the Saudi Arabian National Maritime Transport Company, Salm Abdul Aziz Al-Rajhi, the International Food Company, Yousif Ahmad Kanoo, Abdul Aziz Al-Jumaih and others.

Out of the SR200 million paid by the subscribers, SR118.4 million were paid in kind, 25 percent will be paid in cash, while the remaining 25 percent will be paid before the closing business hours Sunday.

The capital has been divided into five million equal shares, each worth SR100. Subscribers can buy a minimum of five shares and a maximum of 1,000 and pay 50 percent of the amount immediately. Shareholders should be Saudi and there will be a ban on transfer of shares for 24 months.

BRIEFS

Lebanon's medical needs

BEIRUT (SPA) — A report on Lebanon's medical needs will be submitted to the upcoming Arab health ministers' conference, due to take place in Abu Dhabi, to take the necessary measures, Abdul-Ghani Ashi, secretary-general of the Jeddah-based Arab Red Crescent and Red Cross Society said here. He told SPA that the report was prepared by a committee chaired by him. The committee was entrusted to prepare the report by the Arab health

ministers executive bureau members who met in Riyadh in January.

UPM rector in Sanaa

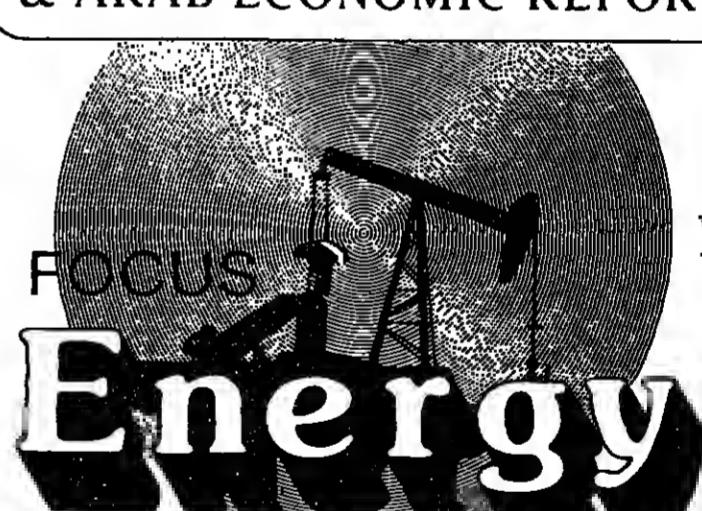
SANA (SPA) — University of Petroleum and Minerals Rector Dr. Bakr Abdulla Bakr arrived here Thursday on a visit to North Yemen at the invitation of Sanaa University. Dr. Bakr said he would acquaint himself with the help and technical studies required for the reconstruction of devastated areas in North Yemen as a result of earthquakes which shook the country.

Prayer Times

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Dhuhr (Noon)	12:33	12:34	12:05	11:52	12:16	12:46
Asr (Afternoon)	3:55	3:55	3:26	3:13	3:37	4:06
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:27	6:26	5:57	5:43	6:08	6:36
Isha (Night)	7:57	7:56	7:27	7:13	7:38	8:07

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Carter says Israeli invasion of Lebanon obstacle to peace

Lays stress on homeland for Palestinians

CAIRO, March 3 (AFP) — The Camp David accords remain "an excellent base for peace in the Middle East," former U.S. President Jimmy Carter said here Thursday during a tour of the Middle East.

In an interview in *Al Akhbar* newspaper, Carter said the Israeli invasion of Lebanon was the main obstacle to peace in the Middle East and the presence of Israeli troops an additional problem.

Defending the Camp David accords, he stressed the need for the Arab countries to recognize Israel and for Israel to recognize a homeland for the Palestinians.

But he said he would prefer for any Palestinian state not to be independent, because it could become extremist and fall under Libyan or Soviet influence.

He said he would like to see a link established between the Palestinians on the West Bank and Gaza with Jordan, but he could not comment on what President Ronald Reagan meant with his recent proposition to create a "Palestinian homeland".

He expressed his hope that Syria would withdraw its troops from Lebanon, "after or at the same time as Israel". Syria would realize that excessive dependence on the Soviet Union was not a wise position, he said.

Egyptian-Israeli relations, he said, would improve after an Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon.

Carter, who met here with both Prime Minister Fuad Muhieddin and President



CARTER IN CAIRO: Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak seen holding talks in Cairo.

U.S. lobbyists split over aid to Israel

WASHINGTON, March 3 (AP) — American Arab and Jewish lobbyists have clashed over aid to Israel in the U.S. Congress' annual examination of aid proposals.

"By donating billions of dollars of aid to Israel without holding it accountable for its actions in the Middle East and elsewhere, we are enabling Israel to pursue policies that damage America's national interests and jeopardize the peace process," David Sodd of the National Association of Arab Americans told a U.S. Senate panel on Wednesday.

Aid proposals for Israel are "exorbitant" and mean that the U.S. taxpayer is financing the invasion and occupation of Lebanon and building of West Bank settlements, Sodd said.

Thomas A. Dine of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, however, told the

Hassan commutes sentences of 540

RABAT, March 3 (AFP) — The sentences of 540 prisoners in Morocco were commuted Wednesday by King Hassan II on the occasion of the country's Royal Holiday, the Justice Ministry announced.

Among the sentences were four of life imprisonment. Ten prisoners had their sentences entirely canceled, 198 had the remainder of their sentences canceled and 328 had their sentences partly cut.

In another development troops of the Polisario Front Saharan nationalist movement were continuing the pressure of a four-day-old attack on Moroccan forces outside Smara, the front said here Thursday.

Foreign Relations Subcommittee that aid to the Jewish state served U.S. "moral and strategic" interests.

Sadd and Dine, representing the two main U.S. Arab and Jewish lobbying organizations, testified after Assistant Secretary of State Nicholas Veliotes told the panel that proposals by President Ronald Reagan's administration, while lower than the amounts approved by Congress for the current year, "were set after careful analysis of Israel's security and economic requirement."

The administration's proposed \$2.5 billion package of arms and economic aid "continues to be our largest bilateral aid program" and includes increases over proposals the administration made last year, Veliotes said.

Opposition Democratic Sen. Paul Sarbanes of Maryland, who last year campaigned for reelection on the basis of his support for Israel, criticized the Reagan administration for proposing only \$785 million in economic aid to Israel when the Jewish state was expected to owe the United States \$1.1 billion in loan repayments next year.

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Moscow demands immediate pullout

MOSCOW, March 3 (AP) — The Soviet Union on Thursday accused the United States and Israel of plotting together to "recarve" the map of the Middle East and claimed Washington's newest "foothold" in the region is to be Lebanon. "It is an urgent task to stop such a development of events," said *Pravda*, calling for an immediate Israeli withdrawal.

The lengthy *Pravda* commentary made these statements in alleging a U.S.-Israeli partnership from the start of the June 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

"In the opinion of many foreign observers, the former Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon who visited Washington in May 1982 coordinated the plan of combat operations with his colleagues from the Pentagon."

"The United States not only put weapons in the hands of the murderers, using the right of veto at the U.N. Security Council, Washington repeatedly blocked attempts to ... stop the aggression, giving Tel Aviv a sense of complete impunity," and stepping up military aid to Israel.

— After Israel's drive against the Palestine Liberation Organization was forced into "low gear," U.S. Marines landed under what U.S. President Ronald Reagan said would be a multinational peacekeeping force not likely needed beyond December 1982. "now" (Reagan) no longer mentions any deadlines."

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Yaqub plays down forthcoming Zia-Indira talks

ISLAMABAD, March 3 (AP) — Foreign Minister Sabahzada Yaqub Khan played down the significance of the forthcoming talks between Prime Minister Indira Gandhi of India and Pakistani President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq.

"One should not expect much from the meetings to be held between President Zia and Prime Minister Indira Gandhi during the nonaligned summit," Yaqub Khan told reporters at Lahore airport Wednesday before leaving for New Delhi where he will attend the summit of the nonaligned movement. "This will not be an occasion for discussing bilateral issues."

The foreign minister's statement contradicts earlier expectations voiced by Foreign Ministry officials in Islamabad who had said they believed the process of concluding a peace treaty or a nonaggression pact between India and Pakistan would be carried out when Zia, who will lead the Pakistani delegation at the summit, meets Indira in New Delhi. Pakistan and India exchanged two drafts of the proposed pact several months ago.

During their meeting in New Delhi, the two leaders will not specifically discuss bilateral issues, but they will talk on matters concerning the nonaligned summit, Yaqub Khan said.

Diplomatic observers here said Wednesday they believed that the playing down of the forthcoming Zia-Indira meeting is a result of remarks attributed to the Indian leader regarding her previous contacts with Zia.

In another development the Iranian consul general in Karachi, Muhammad Ali Sadeqi Niarki, abruptly left with his family for Tehran on Tuesday night, according to Iranian diplomatic circles. Officials of the Pakistan foreign office would not comment on the matter.

Niarki was accused by some Sunni leaders of openly taking part in the conflict between the Sunni and Shia sects in Karachi during recent weeks. One of the demands put forward before the government by the Sunni leaders was "expulsion by the government of Pakistan of the Iranian consul general in Karachi because of his active participation in the activities of Shia organizations and delivering speeches from the Shia platforms."

ISLAMABAD, March 3 (Agencies) — Customs officials claimed Wednesday to have seized the largest single consignment of heroin in the world.

They said they confiscated 421 kilograms of Heroin at Jamrud, 192 kilometers northwest of Islamabad Wednesday. Customs officer Jehangir Khan estimated the street value of the drug in Europe at \$192.3 million.

"The seizure has broken the all-time world record of 396 kilograms of heroin seized on Dec. 22, 1982, Khan told reporters. He referred to a consignment of heroin intercepted at Warsak, near Jamrud in Northwestern Pakistan.

Khan said the drug was being smuggled from the tribal area along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, and was destined for Europe. "Inclusive of the present consignment, customs agents in northwestern areas have seized a total quantity of 1,370 kilograms of heroin over the last five months," Khan said. The seizure, planned under the code name Operation Blue Smoke, was engineered by Khan, 40.

TEL AVIV, March 3 (Agencies) — Clashes between Arabs and Jews continued for the sixth day in the occupied West Bank Thursday and security forces imposed a curfew on the Nablus Casbah and on the nearby Balata Palestinian refugee camp, military sources said.

In the town of Hebron, an Israeli car was attacked with stones and its passengers shot in the air, the sources said. They added that first reports indicated the passengers had entered a school in the nearby village of Yatta to look for the activists. Israel radio said the car passengers were Jewish settlers.

On Tuesday, in a similar incident Jewish settlers burst into a school and took two students to the police for blocking the road in Yatta with stones.

In other disturbances, a woman soldier was slightly wounded when the windshield of the car in which she was riding was shattered by stones, the sources said. They added that there was also stone throwing in Nablus and Dahaisha, in which several windshields were smashed.

Israel radio quoted sources in the security forces as attributing the unrest, which followed a period of relative calm, partly to clashes in recent days between Hebron Arabs and Jewish settlers nearby.

The daily *Mauri* reported that security forces had arrested four members of a newly discovered armed Jewish group, made up mostly of immigrants from the U.S., which undertook attacks on Hebron residents and their property.

Mauri also reported that police raided the Jewish settlement of El Nakan, near Hebron, Wednesday.

Wednesday looking for members of the underground group. The settlers are members of the militant Koch group headed by American-born Rabbi Meir Kahane.

Tension in the occupied territory, particularly the Hebron area, has been high since last Friday when a bomb exploded outside a mosque in the city. A four-year-old Arab girl was wounded over the weekend when automatic weapons fire struck a house in Hebron.

A grenade was thrown at an Israeli vehicle near the town of Jenin in the occupied territory Wednesday night but caused neither casualties nor damage, according to military sources.

Relations between Hebron Arabs and the nearby Jewish suburb of Kiryat Arba have been marred recently by repeated clashes both inside the city and in adjacent villages.

Soviets razing Afghan villages

PESHAWAR, March 3 (AFP) — Soviet troops have begun flattening whole villages beside the main highways in Afghanistan to ensure the safe movement of convoys which have been continually harassed by Mujahideen, reports reaching this border town said.

The Soviets, who reportedly suffered between 10,000 and 12,000 casualties mainly in convoy ambushes in the past three years of their occupation of Afghanistan, have been avoiding highways and supplies were delivered by air.

In Koch affairs

America

upholds

Lebanon's

stand

BEGIN MEETS KOCH: Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin seen welcoming New York Mayor Ed Koch when the latter visited occupied Jerusalem recently.

Asked why, Hughes said, "the government of Lebanon is a sovereign state and it is the sole authority to determine the method of entry, and it did. They are within their rights and that is their decision." He said U.S. officials had consulted with Koch in advance and offered "to assist the mayor with an alternative method of entry."

John Reid, spokesman for the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, confirmed that the invitation to visit Lebanon had been withdrawn "after the (Koch) went to southern Lebanon under Israeli auspices."

BRIEFS

ern Mediterranean conference promoted by France, diplomatic sources said Wednesday.

ISLAMABAD — A five-day conference of the OIC's industries ministers will be held here from March 19, official sources said Thursday. The meeting is likely to be inaugurated by President Zia ul Haq.

VIENNA — Thirty-three Palestinian refugees living in the Gaza Strip have moved into tents after three homes were demolished by the Israeli authorities. And the Israeli defense force has told another family to demolish its home or the home will be blown up, a UNRWA press release said.

TEL AVIV (AP) — Norway would probably refuse to send combat units to an international peacekeeping force in Lebanon after the withdrawal of occupying armies, Foreign Minister Svenn Stray said Thursday.

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Move for early elections

Salvadoran town falls to leftists

SAN SALVADOR, March 3 (AP) — Leftist guerrillas said Wednesday they occupied a town in the northeastern part of this war-torn country, claiming they inflicted "high losses" on the army and captured government rifles and mortars.

Meanwhile, around 500 peasants remained camped out in front of the nation's Constituent Assembly in the capital, demonstrating for a yes vote on extending a farm reform program.

Radio Venceremos, the guerrillas' clandestine station, said rebels took Delicias de Concepcion, a village 183 kilometers from San Salvador. The town is in northeastern Morazan province, where in January the army carried out one of its biggest anti-guerrilla campaigns in the three-year Civil War.

Military officials said they were unaware of the report. Telephone lines to Morazan were cut Tuesday, the government telecommunications company said.

In Jiquilisco, Usulutan province, southeast of Morazan and 107 kilometers from the cap-

ital, fighting between government troops and guerrillas entered its fourth straight day, the National Guard said. A guard spokesman claimed guerrillas had set eight buses on fire, but he had no news of losses on either side.

The assembly land reform vote is over whether to extend for one year a law that has allowed thousands of poor Salvadoran sharecroppers to gain title to land they tilled on big plantations belonging to the rich. The United States favors the program. The current decree expired Thursday.

Right-wing parties in the assembly that want to end the program say it has been badly run and claim peasants no longer are interested. Five thousand peasants massed in front of the assembly on Tuesday to demonstrate their support for the land reform measure. About 500 of them remained Wednesday, saying they would not leave until a vote is taken.

The two largest moderate parties in the constituent Assembly say they favor extension of the land reform law.

Clark hails artificial heart

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, March 3 (AP) — Barney Clark, showing strong recovery in the past 10 days from a psychological disorder, says his experience with the artificial heart has been worthwhile because "either you die or have it done."

Clark, appearing for the first time publicly since his landmark surgery three months ago Wednesday, was shown in a videotape responding to questions from the surgeon who performed the operation.

In the interview, Clark was asked if the plastic heart had been uncomfortable. "Not at all, it's comfortable...it's a thing you get used to," he responded. He said shortness of breath bothered him the most.

What's it like to be an artificial heart and what would he tell others considering the surgery? "It's an alternative...either you die or have it done," Clark said. "It's been hard. The heart itself has pumped right along...it'll be able to help people."

The videotape was released at a briefing by doctors, their first in more than a month. His psychiatrist said Clark had suffered a mental disorder for two months but had recently overcome it. "Over the last 10 to 12 days he has totally resolved this acute brain syn-

Ivory Coast irks Taiwan

TAIPEI, March 3 (AP) — Taiwan will sever diplomatic ties with the Ivory Coast once it confirms the West African nation has normalized ties with Peking, a Foreign Ministry official said here early Thursday morning.

He said a wire report from Peking indicated the Ivory Coast and Peking established diplomatic ties Tuesday.

Col. Roberto Escobar, head of the small Salvadoran Authentic Institutional Party, which observers here say could be the deciding factor in the vote — told the Associated Press, "we will not take a position that ends the decree, yet at the same time we don't want to contribute to the polarization" of landowners and peasants.

Many of El Salvador's impoverished peasants are sympathetic to the leftist guerrilla movement here, which they say defends their cause.

Meanwhile, sources in Washington said the Salvadoran government, increasingly on the defensive in its war with leftist insurgents, is considering moving up the date of its next election — a shift President Ronald Reagan is actively encouraging.

The Salvadorans have scheduled elections for a new president and legislature in March 1984, but U.S. officials fear that the full year's wait will contribute to political bickering that will hamper the war effort.

Meanwhile, Republican Senate majority leader Howard H. Baker Jr. told reporters he was confident U.S. combat troops would not be dispatched to El Salvador, adding, "I do not see this as another Vietnam."

Baker said the "domino theory" which was used to justify U.S. intervention in Vietnam as necessary to stop the spread of communism, was "more credible" in Central America.

"I don't say whether the government of El Salvador stands or falls is a matter of grave concern to the United States, (but) the stability of the region is of vital concern to the interests of the United States," he said.

This week, the administration has sought to rally congressional and public support behind its policies in El Salvador, arguing that a victory by leftist insurgents in the small Central American nation could dangerously weaken U.S. influence in the region.

Still, the implant has been "much more successful in terms of survival" than the first heart transplant 15 years ago, said Dr. Jeffrey Anderson, director of the cardiac care unit at LDS Hospital.

Anderson treated Clark for cardiology — a degenerative, inoperable heart disease — from March 1982 until the Dec. 2 implant. It was Anderson who first broached to Clark the possibility of receiving a plastic heart, and who referred Clark to the surgeons who performed the operation.

Clark's intelligence and mellow personality made him an ideal candidate for the device, Anderson said, but post-operative complications with his lungs and kidneys have since raised questions about his selection.

Anderson said he thought it would be 10 years before researchers know which patients are best for the plastic heart, what kinds of treatments they need and what modifications are necessary to make the device more mechanically sound and portable.



REBEL PATROL: Two rebels patrol the main street of a Salvadoran town they overran last week. The guerrillas are fighting to oust the U.S.-backed government. (AP Wirephoto)

6 Poles seek Austria asylum

VIENNA, March 3 (AP) — The pilot and flight engineer of a Lot Polish airliner, saying their navigation equipment failed, made an emergency landing here Wednesday and requested Austrian political asylum for themselves and their families.

One of the 78 persons aboard the Ilyushin-18 plane stayed behind while a substitute Polish airliner took the rest, after a 5½ hour delay, on the scheduled flight to Sofia, Bulgaria, police said. Those remaining were the pilot, his wife, the flight engineer, his wife and two children aged 6 and 9. Their names were not released.

The two men said the plane, en route from Warsaw, developed trouble with its navigation gear over Czechoslovakia, according to a

senior police official at Schwechat Airport who asked not to be identified. Other Soviet bloc airports were shrouded in fog.

The equipment was not inspected, but police say they tended to believe the defectors' story. Other crew members upheld the version of mechanical failure, they said.

"We were strengthened in our belief that it was an emergency landing by the fact that the pilot had to make a second landing attempt in Vienna after the tower alerted him that he would miss the landing strip," the senior officer said.

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The ten top pop singles, as rated by Cashbox, with last week's positions in brackets:

Culture Club stays on top in pop chart

NEW YORK, March 3 (AP) — The Culture Club's "Do You Really Want to Hurt Me" stayed on Wednesday for a second week in the No. 1 spot among best selling single pop records in the United States.

Hopping into second place in the Cashbox magazine chart, up from fourth a week ago, was Michael Jackson's "Billy Jean," while "Stray Cat Strut" by the Stray Cats held on to third for the second straight week.

Men at Work's "Down Under" slipped from second position to fourth. Only one newcomer made its way into the ten top pop list this week — "Back on the Chain Gang" by the Pretenders, up from 11th to 10th.

In the country and Western singles field, Willie Nelson's "Last Thing I Needed First Thing This Morning" was No. 1 on the Cashbox magazine chart.

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1. (1) Do You Really Want to Hurt Me — Culture Club.

2. (4) Billy Jean — Michael Jackson.

3. (3) Stray Cat Strut — Stray Cats.

4. (2) Down Under — Men at Work.

5. (5) Shambala on the Moon — Bob Seger and the Silver Bullet Band.

6. (7) You Are — Lionel Richie.

7. (8) Hungry Like the Wolf — Duran Duran.

8. (6) Baby, Come to Me — Patti Austin.

9. (10) All Right — Christopher Cross.

10. (11) Back on the Chain Gang — Pretenders.

The ten top country-western singles, as rated by Cashbox, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (4) Last Thing I Needed First Thing This Morning — Willie Nelson.

2. (1) If Hollywood Don't Need You — Don Williams.

3. (7) I Wouldn't Change You If I Could — Ricky Skaggs.

4. (5) The Rose — Conway Twitty.

5. (3) Why Baby Why — Charley Pride.

6. (10) Everything's Beautiful — Dolly Parton and Willie Nelson.

7. (12) Dixieland Delight — Alabama.

8. (14) Swingin' — John Anderson.

9. (13) Shine On — George Jones.

10. (18) When I Am Away From You — the Bellamy Brothers.

In Britain, Michael Jackson slipped into the top spot on the best-selling singles chart this week with "Billie Jean," Jackson, whose new album "Thriller" is No. 3 in the LP chart, ousted "Too Shy" by Kajagoogoo, one of Britain's new vocal bands, which held the No. 1 singles slot for a week.

Big jump of the week was "Total Eclipse of the Heart" by buzzsaw-voiced Welsh songstress Bonnie Tyler, the nearest female equivalent to Joe Cocker, who was at No. 18 last week. Cocker's latest disc, "Up Where We Belong," with Jennifer Warnes, slipped to No. 10.

This week's top 10 as listed by Melody Maker, with last week's placings in brackets:

1. (3) Billie Jean — Michael Jackson.

2. (1) Too Shy — Kajagoogoo.

3. (4) Africa — Toto.

4. (18) Total Eclipse of the Heart — Bonnie Tyler.

5. (11) Tomorrow's Just Another Day — Madness.

6. (2) Change — Tears for Fears.

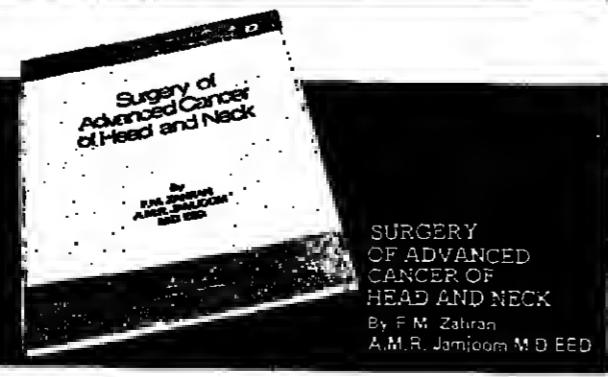
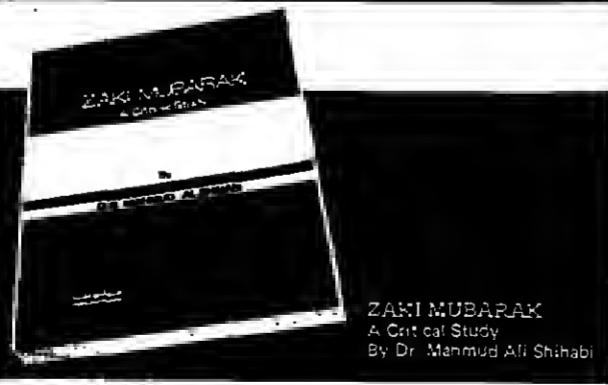
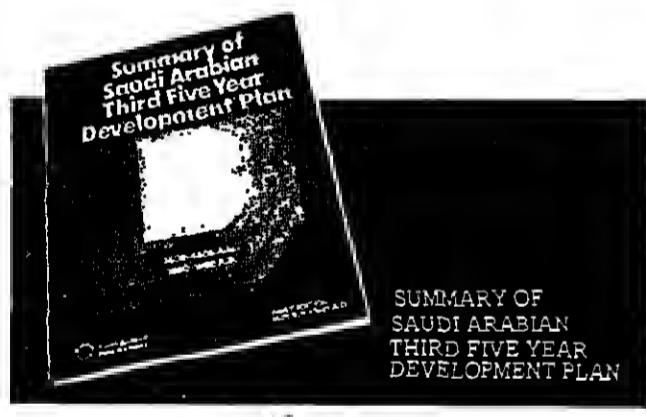
7. (10) Love on Your Side — Thompson Twins.

8. (13) Never Gonna Give You Up — Musical Youth.

9. (12) Tunnel of Love — Fun Boy Three.

10. (7) Up Where We Belong — Joe Cocker and Jennifer Warnes.

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MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet Union has launched a space module which will dock with the orbital station Salyut-7, the official daily *Pravda* said Thursday. *Pravda* said the new module, Cosmos 1443, was similar in construction to Cosmos 1367, launched in 1981, which docked with the Salyut-6 space station. An American radio network quoted U.S. intelligence sources, said Wednesday the module would double the size of Salyut 7 to become the first part of a larger orbital base and that a cosmonaut would be sent to it shortly.

BERN (AFP) — The deputy military attaché at the Soviet Embassy here left the country in the last few days after he was suspected of being involved in espionage, the federal Justice and Police Department announced Thursday. Vladimir Lugovoi was caught by Swiss police as he was trying to make contact with a person — as yet unidentified — who could have provided him with information, the department said.

JAKARTA (AP) — A convicted 32-year-old Muslim leader, who fled from a Jakarta prison to escape a death sentence, was recaptured in a village in South Sumatra, authoritative sources said here Thursday. The sources said Imran bin Muhammad Zein was recaptured by a special task force. Imran apparently planned to leave the country by land through south and North Sumatra, the home of Muslim rebels called the "Free Aceh Movement." Sumatra is an island northwest of Indonesia.

LONDON (AP) — The House of Lords Wednesday reserved judgment after a three-day hearing on an appeal which will decide whether a turban ban imposed by a Birmingham schoolmaster was lawful. An 18-year-old Sikh schoolboy, Gurinder Singh Mandla, and his father, are seeking to over-

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MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

Ariel Sharon, according to some, is a war looking for a place to happen. Now sulking in his tent, after being divested of the war portfolio but not of his ministerial berth in the "moral democracy" of Israel, Sharon must be somewhat feeling elated to find that he has a pale imitator in the far away African continent. Yes, even to the most charitable, it appears that President Samuel Doe of Liberia is looking for a place for a war to happen. Of course the place he has in his mind is not far away. It is the neighboring Sierra Leone.

But for the fact that Doe has moved 3,500 of his troops to the border with Sierra Leone, the whole affair would have looked like a soap opera with funny scenes enough to drown the audience in peels of laughter. No, this is no laughing matter. Doe is deadly serious. Before moving the troops he had hanned all land, air and sea travel to and from Sierra Leone. And but for Sierra Leone President Siaka Stevens' refusal to attend a summit meeting in Conakry, Guinea would have by now discussed the whole problem threadbare to the immense hilarity of the newspaper reading public all over the world. It is also quite possible that if the summit failed to solve the "problem", Doe might have taken it to the U.N. leaving the world body in a very ticklish or piquant situation.

For what the Security Council or General Assembly will be called upon to deliberate in all seriousness will be a tense situation on the border between two countries not because one has attacked the other or is arming a guerrilla movement inside the other's territory but a report, later denied, in a weekly in Sierra Leone suggesting that Doe has shot his wife for trying to poison him. If Doe was seeking a vindication of his honor it was accomplished when his wife denied the allegation and when she appeared at Monrovia's James Spriggs-Payne Airport and later drove with her husband to their official residence. If he was after the blood of the "erring" editor, it was provided when the latter was detained on the orders of President Siaka Stevens.

Meanwhile it is tempting to speculate on the endless possibilities of wars breaking out between neighboring countries if heads of state or prime ministers were to take a cue from Doe. Not many people would have forgotten the reports which appeared in the world press not long ago about Indian Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi's quarrels with her youngest and widowed daughter-in-law.

Some of these reports might have found their way into the columns of newspapers in Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal as well. Suppose Mrs. Gandhi masses troops on the borders of these neighboring countries and declares war on all of them. An even more interesting possibility to imagine is the situation that will arise in case the Organization of African Unity or the U.N. leaves the whole dispute to the jurisdiction of some impartial bodies like the International Court of Justice. Will not Doe be leaving the door wide open for a close scrutiny by outsiders of his domestic life? A former president of Liberia, it may be recalled, did just that in 1929 when there were allegations that Liberians were involved in the transfer of African tribesmen to the Spanish colony of Fernando Po. The president, Charles D.B. King, asked the League of Nations to look into the charges and when the verdict of the organization went against Liberia he promptly resigned. So in a way Doe has declared war on his country's noble traditions as well.

European initiative on N. Ireland worries Britain

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LONDON —

Northern Ireland, Britain's chronic problem, is once again causing headaches in London, although mercifully they are not the result of terrorist action. This time, it is the politicians that are active.

First there was the decision by the European Parliament in Strasbourg to send a team to the province to investigate the troubles there. That decision has come under fierce attack both from government and opposition in Britain which insist that Northern Ireland's problems are an internal affair and as such are beyond the Strasbourg parliament's jurisdiction.

Not that this counts for much with Charles Haughey, the opposition leader in the Irish Republic, who — with astute timing last week — immediately followed up the announcement with a call for an Anglo-Irish consultative council as a prelude to British withdrawal from the north. As if that were not enough, Northern Ireland's political waters were further muddied by a visit there by the extreme left-wing Labor leader of the Greater London Council, Ken Livingstone, who was a guest of Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing. Lastly, there was a proposal from the Social Democratic and

Labor Party for an all-Ireland Council to govern both North and South. Support for the SDLP comes almost exclusively from the North's Catholic minority.

Neither the proposals by Haughey and the SDLP nor the blatantly partisan visit by the GLC leader are of much importance in the short term.

Despite the current attempts to attribute the problem to economic and social ills, the religious divide is at the heart of the matter. The Protestant majority in the North remain adamantly opposed to all ideas of union with the Catholic South and any advocates of such a union — regardless of whether they want to achieve it by peaceful means (the aim of Haughey and the SDLP) or by violence (the tactic of the IRA) — have little chance of a hearing from them.

In fact, Haughey's call was clearly intended for southern rather than northern ears. It was made hours before the annual conference of his Fianna Fail party, which is strongly nationalist. Haughey's popularity, both within the party and the Republic, has plummeted recently, first because of the election defeat and subsequently because of revelations that party officials were involved phone-tapping, Watergate-style. He had already survived two attempts to dislodge him as party leader and hearing

the nationalist drum seems to have had the desired effect; at the conference last Sunday, he was overwhelmingly confirmed as party leader.

However, given the almost fanatical determination of the Protestant majority to remain in the U.K., the movements of the GLC leader and what Haughey and the SDLP have to say are of limited importance as far as the North is concerned, except as a matter of record. That is the reality of the situation.

What is important, however, and what is worrying, is Britain's reaction to the European Parliament's initiative. To reject it out of hand and to refuse the planned mission any help in London or Belfast, which is what the British government have said they intend to do, is both short-sighted and ungracious. Worse, such a reaction will only serve to convince its enemies that Britain is arrogant and patronizing, that it is interested only in maintaining its rights and privileges.

Northern Ireland is part of the U.K. — the majority there want it that way — and all responsible people around the world accept that reality. But being realistic also means admitting the scale of the problems in Northern Ireland. They are overwhelming and despite their efforts, successive British governments have failed lamentably to bring

peace and harmony to the province. Instead of being so touchy on their rights, the British should be grateful for what help is available. So great now is the divide between the two communities that there is almost no room left for maneuver. Certainly anyone who believes that the Catholic minority will accept the British link is deluding themselves.

Years of hate and mistrust have fueled their suspicion of anything the British offer. The latest attempt to sort out the chaos — the consultative assembly — has failed miserably because councillors elected by the Catholic community are boycotting it.

Given the intractable mess that Northern Ireland has become, one would have thought the British would be only too pleased that their community partners are willing to help. After all, none of them is disputing the fact that Northern Ireland is part of the U.K., or that it should remain so while the majority wish it — which is, after all, the position of the British government itself.

To dismiss the European's initiative out of hand is hardly going to make matters better. It is not the action one would expect from Britain.

If the British genuinely believe that their policies in Northern Ireland are the right one, then they have nothing to fear from an investigation by their allies and partners.

Reagan prefers fun to work, shuns details on issues

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WASHINGTON —

Just how President Reagan performs his job remains something of a mystery. We know that he takes it easy, often reaching the office at 9 a.m. and leaving at 5 to work out in the White House gym — earlier when he goes horseback riding. We know he likes one-page "minimemos" and that he delegates a good deal of authority. We've often heard how he answers difficult specific questions with anecdotes of dubious relevance.

But what does he do as president? Does he meet with people to find out things, or does he only get briefed who his duties require? Does he engage in serious give-and-take with staff or outsiders? Does he try personally to figure out issues? Is there

man, chairman of the conference of presidents of major Jewish organizations, told Reagan that it wasn't fair to pressure the Israelis. Reagan said that he knew from his conversations with King Hussein of Jordan that as soon as an agreement on withdrawing foreign troops from Lebanon is reached, Hussein will be ready to negotiate with the Israelis. Berman reportedly pressed the president: Did that mean Hussein had put no other preconditions on his willingness to talk with Israel? Did he say nothing, for example, about Israeli settlements on the West Bank?

Before Reagan could reply, Judge William Clark, his national security adviser, jumped in with what struck his listeners as a vague answer. He suggested there were still other unresolved issues, such as how the Palestinians would be represented, though he never directly contradicted Reagan. The president looked at his guests with an expression some interpreted as sheepish. You might think there is a little confusion here, he said, but there really isn't. Some of his conversations with King Hussein were private, just between the two of us, he explained. Others involved his aides.

The brief meeting ended without any clearer explanation of Hussein's position. Reagan left the impression that he hadn't mastered the intricacies of the Mideast. Judge Clark's behavior suggested that Reagan's advisers feel they have to protect him.

When Reagan met with his MX missile commission and its distinguished counselors — a group that is supposed to find a plausible way to base the missile Reagan wants but Congress views warily — he stayed for 15 minutes and made a few general remarks. The room was filled with former defense secretaries and high factotums of previous administrations, but one of them said later, "I had the feeling he didn't have any idea who some of us were."

It could be made into a museum, furnished in harmony with the times and decorated with maps, pictures, guns, swords, and clothing to give visitors and school children a realistic insight into the life of a great monarch.

For those joining service after 50 years of age also, a lump sum may be paid in accordance with a prescribed formula on their reaching the age of 60 but without any condition or limit of service. For expatriates, all formalities should be completed a month in advance of their retirement and departure to their respective countries.

A medical board in the Kingdom may work out the life expectancy to determine the amount of pension or the lump sum amount.

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Postal services

Sir,
To the immense relief of the expatriates in Saudi Arabia the government is taking steps to streamline the postal system, which will ensure expeditious delivery of letters and other articles. Letters from homes are the only thing that cheer those who are afar from their near and dear ones.

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Having said this I would like to draw the attention of authorities to the inconvenience caused by the non-availability of stamps in the post offices in certain areas. In the eastern region, as I understand, stamps are sold only at the Dananah main post office. If arrangements were made to sell stamps at all post offices, the long lines for getting the letters franked could be obviated. Also a little more courteous and cooperative attitude by the staff would be a boon to the public.

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Al-Raj drafts

Sir,
Many expatriates have lost their hard-earned money because the drafts issued by Al-Raj Commercial Exchange throughout Saudi Arabia were not honored by the recipient banks of certain countries. Even after 8 months Al-Raj Exchange has not taken any steps to repay the amount. Would the government look into this matter and do the needful without further delay?

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, March 4, the 63rd day of 1983. There are 302 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1606 — France's King Henry IV occupies Sedan to end rebellion of the Duke of Bourillon.

1797 — British troops under Lord Lake put down rebellion in Ulster, Ireland.

1848 — Constitution of Piedmont and Sardinia is proclaimed by Charles Albert, king of Sardinia.

1857 — Peace of Paris ends Anglo-Persian war, and Shah recognizes independence of Afghanistan.

1944 — Soviet forces launch offensive in Ukraine against Germans in World War II.

1952 — China accuses United States of using germ warfare in Korea.

1962 — British chartered airliner crashes after takeoff from West African city of Douala, Cameroon, and 111 persons are killed.

1971 — Turkish terrorists kidnap four U.S. airmen and threaten to shoot them if \$400,000 is not paid, but ransom demand is rejected and airmen are released five days later.

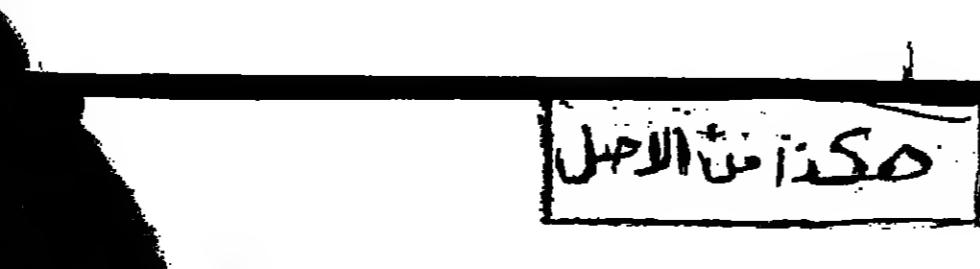
1975 — Peter Lorenz, political leader kidnapped in West Germany, is released after five imprisoned radicals are freed and flown to Yemen.

1979 — China-Vietnam conflict enters third week, with reports from Peking indicating that China is preparing to pull back over border.

1981 — Soviet and Polish leaders meeting in Moscow reportedly agree that Poland's labor strife poses threat to entire Communist bloc.

Thought for today:

To be conscious that you are ignorant is a great step to knowledge — Benjamin Disraeli, English statesman (1804-1881).



Islam in perspective

What the Qur'an teaches

In the name of Allah, the Merciful, the Beneficent. When his Lord tested Abraham with certain commandments and he fulfilled them, He said: 'I shall make you a leader of mankind.' (Abraham) said: 'And what of my seed?' Said He: 'My covenant does not apply to the wrongdoers.'

Allah has set an example of disbelievers: the wife of Noah and the wife of Lot. They were married to two of Our righteous servants, but they betrayed them. Their husbands could not avail them anything against Allah. The word has been spoken. 'Enter the Fire, together with those who shall enter it.' And Allah has also set an example of believers: the wife of Pharaoh, who said: 'Lord, build for me a house in heaven with You, and deliver me from Pharaoh and his doings. Deliver me from all evil-doing folk.'

(The Cow, "Al-Baqarah": 2; 124)

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(Prohibition, "Al-Tahreem": 66, 10-11)

Noah called out to his Lord, saying: 'Lord, my son is of my family. Surely Your promise always comes true, and you are the most just of judges.' 'Noah', He said, 'he was not of your family; he was an evil conduct. Do not question Me about matters of which you have no knowledge. I admonish you lest you become one of the ignorant.'

(Houd: 11; 45-6)

What ties, what family

An important issue raised in the history of Noah and his people as related in *surah Houd* is that which concerns family ties.

Noah is told by Allah that his son does not belong to his family. This outlines an important aspect of the nature of the Islamic faith. The tie which binds people together in the Islamic faith is a unique one. It relates to certain objectives and aspirations which are peculiar to this divine constitution. This tie of Islamic society has nothing to do with family or blood relationship, land and country, tribe and nation, color and language, race and sex, or profession and class. All these ties may exist between two individuals, and their relationship may, nevertheless, be severed. When Noah (Peace be on Him) pleaded with his Lord: 'Lord, my son is of my family,' he was told by Allah: 'Noah, he was not of your family.' The reason why his own son is not considered belonging to his family was then explained to him: 'His was an evil conduct.' The tie of faith which would have linked them together did not exist: 'Do not question Me about matters of which you have no knowledge.' Thus, Noah was mistaken when he considered that his son belonged to his family. What was certain was that he did not belong to it, despite the fact that he was Noah's own son.

This is a clear distinctive landmark which distinguishes the Islamic view of all ties and relationships. Different modes of ignorance make different ties paramount, such as blood, family, land, country, tribe, nation, color, language, race, profession or class. They sometimes give prominence to common interests, common history or common destiny. All these are ignorant conceptions which remain fundamentally in conflict with the Islamic viewpoint.

The Islamic code of living, represented by the Qur'an and the *Sunnah*, endeavors to educate the Muslim nation so that it

observes the distinctive landmark in its general outlook.

In this *surah* Noah and his son provide the example of what happens between father and son. The Qur'an gives numerous other examples in order to establish the true nature of the only tie which Islam recognizes. The story of Abraham and his father, related in *surahs* "Cattle" (6) and "Mary" (19) is an example of a son's relationship with his father. The verse given above from *surah* 'The Cow' (2) provides another example which relates to Abraham and his son. When he made his pledge with Allah he was given the happy news that the message would continue in his seed, but the wrong-doers are entitled to nothing of it.

The verses quoted above from *surah* 'Prohibition' (66) give two examples of the matrimonial relationship. On one side we have the two cases of Noah and Lot and their wives; while on the other side we have the case of Pharaoh's wife who was a believer and Pharaoh who was not. Other examples are also given in the Qur'an where strong ties which might have otherwise existed between believers and non-believers were of no significance when the tie of faith did not exist. There is the case related in *surah* 60 'The Examined One' where Abraham and his followers disassociated themselves totally from the rest of their nation, because they did not accept the faith based on submission to Allah, the only God in the universe. There is also the example of the people of the cave who deserted their nation in order to keep their faith.

All these examples which Allah has cited from the history of the noble Prophet and past generations of believers have made the issue absolutely clear to this Muslim nation. Hence, it was fully aware that the only tie which brings people together in Islamic society is the tie of faith. Numerous verses in the Qur'an always remind the Muslims of

the need to hold fast to this view and establish it clearly in their society.

Islamic society is basically and organically distinguished from all other social orders, old and new, by this very basic principle which governs its relations with others. There can be no way which combines Islam with the adoption of any tie other than that of faith as the basis of society. Those who claim to be Muslims and then establish their social orders on the basis of the type of ties which it demolished in order to establish in their place the tie of faith are either ignorant of Islam or people who reject it. In either case Islam does not accept their claim which has no practical application in their lives.

We will now consider some aspects of the divine wisdom behind making faith the supreme tie of Islamic society.

Faith is indeed the noblest characteristic of man which distinguishes him from animals. It relates to the spiritual side of human existence which no class of animals share with him. Hence faith must be the constituent tie of the human society which achieves the highest standard of human civilization. Such a human grouping cannot be based on anything which Islam shares in common with animals.

Moreover, faith relates to another aspect of human existence which distinguishes man from animals, namely, the element of choice and free will. Every individual can choose his faith once he comes of age. By such choice he decides the type of society in which he likes to live, and the type of ideological, social, political, economic and moral system which he would like to adopt and implement. No person, however, can have any choice with regard to his blood, family, color, nation or race. Nor can he choose for himself where he is born or the language he speaks. All these matters are decided before he is born, with no regard whatsoever to his own feelings. If, then, his destiny in both this life and in the hereafter, or even in this life alone, is based on these elements about which he can do nothing then he cannot exercise his free will at all. He is robbed of a basic element of his humanity. An important basis of the nobility of man is thus demolished. To avoid all this, and to preserve for man the dignity Allah has granted him, Islam makes faith, which is personally chosen by every individual, the tie which determines the human structure of Islamic society. Thus every individual freely decides his own destiny.

When a human society is based on the bond of faith it is a society which is open, human and universal. Individuals of all races, languages, colors, nations, geographical locations and countries can join in such a society by exercising their own free will. There are no barriers or boundaries or prejudices alien to the noble characteristics of man to prevent them from joining. All human talents and qualities can express themselves in this society and work together, on the same level, in order to promote its unique solid foundation.

duce a human civilization which benefits from all the fine qualities of the different human races without shutting itself to any one of them on the basis of any prejudice which relates to color, race, family or country.

The Islamic way of life has always been unique in that it enhances and develops the basic qualities of man as it builds its human society. Those who prefer any other code of living, based on any other tie of nation, race, land or class are indeed the enemies of man. They do not wish that man attains his unique position with the help of his noble qualities Allah has given him. Nor do they want man to benefit from all the qualities and talents of all human races in peace and harmony.

It may be useful to add here that the enemies of this religion of Islam, who are well aware of the elements of strength in its very nature, and of whom Allah says: Those whom We have given the Book are fully aware of it and know it as much as they know their own children. Recognize that having faith as the basic tie of society is one of the main elements of the strength of this religion and Islamic society. Since they are in the business of demolishing Islamic society, or at least weakening it to the extent which enables them to have control over it, in order to satisfy their grudges against Muslims and to exploit them and their resources and lands for their own benefit they have not overlooked the need to weaken its basis. They have not neglected to raise up for its people new idols to worship apart from Allah. They call these idols with different names on different occasions. The fatherland, nationalism, race, minority rights and Arab (or whatever) nationalism are but a few of the names given to these idols in different stages of history. The result was that different groupings were fighting with one another inside the single Islamic society based on the tie of faith. With time the basis was weakened and the idols became sacred. Anyone who rejects them is branded as a traitor.

The most wicked of the forces which have been and are still engaged in demolishing the solid basis of Islamic society is the wicked Jewish grouping which employed the weapon of "nationalism" to destroy Christendom and divide it into small political entities, each with a national church. They were thus able to destroy the Christian siege around the Jews before they managed to destroy the Islamic siege.

The same was done by the Crusaders in their dealing with Islamic society, following centuries of their exploitation of racial and national feelings among the different races welded together in Islamic society. Thus, they were able to satisfy their age-old grudges against Islam and subjugate its people to European imperialism. They will continue to have the upper hand until these new wicked idols are destroyed, giving way to the re-establishment of Islamic society on its unique solid foundation.

Commentary by Sayyid Qutb

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Our Dialogue

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A man or a woman who has true faith in Allah does fear Him. Indeed no person who knows Allah truly and knows His greatness, might and power can think of Allah without having a feeling of fear lest he should incur His anger. To stand in awe of Allah is indeed the sign of a true believer: Of all His servants, only such are endowed with real knowledge stand in awe of Allah. (35:28) The Prophet describes himself as one who knows Allah best and who fears Him most.

When a man truly believes in Allah, loves Him and struggles for His cause and has real fear of Him then he will always stick to the path Allah has indicated. This means that he always tries to implement the constitution Allah has revealed. He does not acknowledge any authority to anyone who appoints himself as an intermediary between himself and Allah. Faith produces very significant social effects. Relations between believers are always of the highest standard. They are based on love and deep affection for one another. A believer always tries hard to serve the community of the faithful as much as he can and works hard to relieve their distress. Indeed there is no human community where all its individual members are more closely attacked to one another than the community of believers. What is more, a believer always tries to what is good. Indeed, faith does not truly exist in man's heart without it being represented by good action. Believers are always described in the Qur'an as those who do righteous deeds. Negative faith is alien to anything else; that he loves whomsoever he loves for no other reason than to please Allah;

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Is it allowed to take the sacrificial meat from Mina to other places, beyond the limits of Haram?

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A. In all matters concerning pilgrimage we have to follow the example of the Prophet. Whatever he did when he offered his farewell pilgrimage serves as a direction for us in every respect: method, approach, timing and the correct order. He made this absolutely clear when he indicated that he meant to teach us the correct method of pilgrimage. He said: Learn from me how to do your rituals. As far as throwing the stones is concerned the Prophet did it on the first day, i.e., the 10th of Thul-Hijjah, before midday and indicated that the time limit for it on that day was *zawal*. On the following two days he did the throwing after midday or *zawal*. He made it clear that *zawal* was the starting time for throwing the stones on these two days. Hence we have to follow suit in order that our pilgrimage be correct.

The sacrificial meat is meant in the first instance for the poor of the Haram area. Obviously people who offer the sacrifice are recommended to partake of it. Any poor person who is present in the Haram area, i.e., Makkah and its surroundings, may benefit of this meat. If the poor in this area have had their needs satisfied and they do not require any more meat when some of it is left over this could be taken outside Makkah and the Haram area for the benefit of the poor elsewhere.

How to address one's wife

Q. Back home, many people address their wives as "Mummy", while the wives address their husbands as "Daddy". The idea is that one's wife is the mother of one's children, while her husband is the father of her children. I have always worried about this practice and in the back of my mind I feel it cannot be sanctioned by Islam. I will be grateful for your comments.

(Name and address withheld.)

A. There is no doubt that for a husband to address his wife as "Mummy" or for the wife to address her husband as "Daddy" is not the best way of calling one's spouse. Yet the practice is common in certain parts of the Muslim world. While it is not forbidden to use such appellations we are strongly recommended not to use these terms so that no doubt or suspicion can be created in anybody's mind.

It was a practice of the Arabian society in the days before the advent of Islam that if a man wanted to divorce his wife with no possibility of being reunited with her he used the method known in that society as *Thiher*.

Social security as zakah

Q. 1. If a non-Muslim friend greets me with *assalam alaikum* is it permissible to reply with the normal reply of this greeting or should I use another form of greeting?

Q. 2. Can the social security contributions which we pay to the government be considered as *zakah*? If not, what is the benefit we get from social security?

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Life of the Prophet - 100

First steps toward real supremacy in Arabia

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indeed in this expedition that the Prophet used in his prayers with the Muslims the method known as "Prayers in the case of fear." This method means that the army is divided into two halves and they take turns as they pray with the Prophet. He himself would pray the whole prayer while one half of his men joined him for the first part of the prayers then leave him to finish their prayers on their own. When they had finished the other half would join the Prophet for the rest of his prayers. Thus everyone in the army would join the same prayers while one half of it would always be free, watching the enemy and making sure that they did not exploit the time of prayers in order to attack the Muslims.

No clash did, however, take place between the two sides. The Prophet managed to withdraw with his forces intact, and without engaging the enemy in any fighting.

A great part of the history of Islam at the time of the Prophet is devoted to the military activity of the Muslims. This is natural, because those ten years during which the Prophet established the first Islamic state were full of military operations, due to the fact that several forces were keen on fighting the Muslims and suppressing Islam altogether. When relating history, great events overshadow small or ordinary ones. We, however, should not overlook those small events which enlighten us about the life of the Muslims lived in Madinah. From them we can understand much about how the Muslims treated one another and what sort of relations they had with the Prophet and how far they were devoted to their cause. In this connection, some events which took place during this expedition are worth mentioning.

One such incident is related by Jabir ibn Abdullah, a young companion of the Prophet who went on this expedition. He was riding a weak camel. This meant that he kept falling behind. When the Prophet noticed him and learned that the camel was not a strong one he asked Jabir to sit him down and he did. He then said to Jabir: "Give me the stick in your hand, or cut a stick for me from a tree." The Prophet pricked the side of the camel with the stick several times and asked Jabir to mount the camel. Jabir said: "By Him who sent the Prophet with the message of truth the camel was as fast as any."

The Prophet was then chatting to Jabir and asked him: "Would you sell me this camel of yours, Jabir?" He said: "It is yours as a gift." The Prophet said: "No, but sell me it." Said Jabir: "Make me an offer then." The Prophet said: "I'll give you one dirham for it." Jabir declined the offer and said: "Then you would give me an unfair price." The Prophet said: "What do you say to two dirhams?" Jabir declined again. The Prophet kept increasing the price and Jabir declined until the Prophet offered him an ounce of silver. Jabir then said: "Would you be happy to pay this price, messenger of Allah?" The Prophet answered in the affirmative and Jabir accepted the price.

The Prophet asked Jabir whether he had married and Jabir's answer was that he had. The Prophet then asked him about his wife and whether she was a virgin getting married for the first time or a woman who had been married before. Jabir's answer was that she was of the latter type. The Prophet said: "Would it not have been better if you had married a young virgin with whom you can play and have fun?" Jabir said: "Messenger of Allah, my father was killed at Uhud, leaving me my seven sisters to look after. I therefore married a woman who could look after them and keep the family together." The Prophet said: "Then you have done right. Allah willing, when we arrive at Sirat we will have some camels slaughtered and we will celebrate that day. She would then bear that we have celebrated her marriage and she will put up her cushions." (Putting up cushions was apparently a sign of celebrating the happy occasion) Jabir said: "Bin we have no cushions, messenger of Allah." The Prophet said: "But you will have. When you arrive at Madinah you should arrange a good feast." When the Muslim army arrived at Sirat, which was only about three miles from Madinah, the Prophet had a number of camels slaughtered and cooked. The whole army shared in the celebration of the recent wedding of one of its soldiers. When the sun declined the Prophet and his companions went to Madinah. Jabir told his wife what the Prophet said and she advised him to do as the Prophet said.

The following morning Jabir took his camel and sat him down outside the Prophet's Mosque. Jabir went then into the Mosque. When the Prophet came he asked about the camel and he was told that it was brought by Jabir. He asked for Jabir to be called and when he arrived the Prophet said: "Take your camel, my nephew; it is yours." He then called Bilal and told him to go with Jabir and to give him an ounce of silver. Bilal did what the Prophet bid him and gave Jabir a fraction more. Jabir said that the camel stayed with him for a very long time.

This incident shows the degree of care the Prophet used to show to his companions. There are numerous stories about the Prophet doing certain things in the same nature as he did with Jabir's camel. These were taken by

Bill to ensure safety introduced**U.S. pulling punches at boxing**

WASHINGTON, March 3 (AP) — Legislation to create a 10-member commission to study boxing was introduced Wednesday by a group of U.S. House of Representatives members, one of whom said it was "A first step in reforming what is a sick sport."

Rep. James J. Florio, chairman of the house subcommittee which has been investigating boxing, said the commission would report to Congress in nine months with recommendations aimed at establishing minimum uniform standards for boxing events held in the United States.

Florio told a news conference, "The safety of the fighters should be of paramount concern." Rep. Norman F. Lent, also a subcommittee member and a co-sponsor of the bill, said: "It is apparent there is no uniform or central authority to regulate boxing. As a result, there are miscreations with the attendant injuries and deaths."

Another subcommittee member and co-sponsor, Rep. Bill Richardson, said recent hearings on the sport indicated "Safety and health is the main problem. This is the first step in reforming what is a sick sport."

Boxing has come under renewed criticism since the death of South Korean Du Koo Kim from brain damage after a lightweight championship fight against Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini last Nov. 13. Other fighters have suffered serious eye injuries. Lightweight Champion Sugar Ray Leonard retired last year after surgery to repair a detached retina, the same injury sustained by one-time heavyweight contender Earnie Shavers.

The formal name for the proposed study group would be the Congressional Advisory Commission on Boxing. It would be composed of five members chosen by the speaker of the house and five by the majority leader of the Senate.

Each would select one member from a

group of six recommended jointly by the American Medical Association and the Association of Ringside Physicians and two interested private citizens. The speaker also would appoint a member to represent state athletic commissions and one to represent the press. The majority leader also would choose a member to represent boxers and one to represent promoters.

Florio said his House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Commerce, Transportation and Tourism will hold a hearing on the legislation in Atlantic City on March 18, the same day as the light heavyweight title fight between Dwight Braxton and Michael Spinks.

The purpose of the hearing, he said, will be to look at the business and other relationships among fight promoters, the World Boxing Association (WBA) and the World Boxing Council (WBC) and the press, especially the television networks.

He said the subcommittee is particularly interested in learning more about the way the system of rankings and classifications works, how revenues are generated and allocated and what potential there is, if any, for conflict of interest.

Italian inquiry

Meanwhile, the National Boxing Federation opened an investigation Wednesday into the case of a 28-year-old Italian hospitalized in a coma after a title fight in Sicily last week, chairman Emanuele Marchioro announced.

Marchioro said the inquiry was aimed at ascertaining possible responsibilities in the incident. He also disclosed plans for preventive medical checks on fighters in the wake of the latest ring tragedy. Doctors reported that heavyweight Claudio Cassanelli remained in a deep coma in a hospital in Palermo where he was taken after the fight Friday night.

Doherty, in the other fight on the card, over eight rounds.

Wallace gave a performance of sustained brilliance which brought him a standing at the end, justly shared by Doherty, who survived eight punishing rounds and tried hard to fight back all the way.

It was perhaps an unwise contest for Wallace, brought about by the fact that the promoter could find neither a lightweight nor a bantamweight to take him on. Wallace was always going to be second at punching power but what he lacked in weight he made up for in dazzling skill, making every punch count and comfortably absorbing whatever punishment he had to take in return.

Gratchov sets lift mark

ODESSA, Soviet Union, March 3 (AP) — Vladimir Gratchov of the Soviet Union set a new world weightlifting record in the 67.5 kgs snatch category at the Friendship Cup Tournament here Thursday, the Soviet News Agency Tass reported. The 22-year-old Gratchov lifted 154 kgs to erase the previous record, held by Vesselin Galasharov of Bulgaria, by 0.5 kg.

It was a battle of almost unbelievable intensity, carried along on a tide of excitement. And even though the action was sometimes more rugged, it was memorable nonetheless.

Meanwhile, England's Commonwealth flyweight champion Keith Wallace of Liverpool gave away more than seven pounds and still outpointed Croydon featherweight Pat

Cassanelli collapsed after a 12-round fight against Daniel Leghi in Trapani. Doctors said the boxer was suffering from an edema, and abnormal accumulation of fluids between the brain and the skull. "We noted a slight improvement in electroencephalons tests but he still is in a coma," said Dr. Primo Vanada, an attending physician.

Nystrom comes a cropper in opening round

LYON, France, March 3 (Agencies) — Talented Swedish player Joschim Nystrom went out in the first round of a men's Tennis Tournament here Wednesday to unheralded Frenchman Jacques Hervet.

Nystrom, suffering from influenza, lost 6-2, 6-1. In another surprise, Jonathan Smith of Britain lost 6-3, 6-4 to Mansour Bahrami. Other first round actions saw Mike Myburg beat Frank Puncic 6-0, 6-2, and Christophe Roger-Vasselin (France) defeating Nicolas Sido 6-2, 6-1 in an all-France affair.

Meanwhile, the world's three top tennis stars — Jimmy Connors, John McEnroe and Ivan Lendl — were named Wednesday to play in the Stella Artois Grand Prix Tournament at London's Queen's Club, one of the traditional warm-up events before Wimbledon.

Tournament director Clive Bernstein said the three will compete together on grass for the first time this year. The Stella Artois is scheduled for June 6-12. It follows immediately after the French Open, which is played on clay at the Roland Garros Stadium in Paris. When the Stella Artois finishes, only one week is left before Wimbledon.

In Inglewood, California, Billie Jean King breezed to a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Betsy Nagel in first-round play of the \$165,000 Carta Blanca-FCT Women's tournament.

Later, second-seeded Chris Evert Lloyd had an even easier time than King, whipping Ilana Kloss of South Africa 6-2, 6-0. King needed only 50 minutes to dispose of Nagel, while Evert required just 43 minutes to eliminate Kloss.

In other first-round play Wednesday, fourth-seeded Bettina Bunge of West Germany topped Anne White 6-4, 7-6 and Virginia Ruzici of Romania rallied for a 6-7, 7-6, 6-2 triumph over Andrea Temesvari of Hungary. Top-seeded Martina Navratilova and third-seeded Andrea Jaeger play their first-round matches Thursday. The invitational tournament began Wednesday and runs through Sunday at the Forum. The singles champion earns \$39,000.

Meanwhile, in Rancho Mirage, California, Wednesday's play in the \$50,000 Congoleum Women's Tennis Tournament at Mission Hills Country Club was rained out, with a number of matches being postponed still another day.

Six of 10 first-round matches had been washed out on Tuesday. The tournament, scheduled to wind up Sunday, will use four courts Thursday in an attempt to get back on schedule. Top-seeded Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia, who drew a first-round bye, is scheduled to begin play in the tournament on Thursday.



TESTING TIME: World driving champion Keke Rosberg hasn't given up his Sandia-Williams Formula One car for a two-wheeler. But he did give a bike a try during break in F1 tire testing at the Goodyear International Technical Center in Luxembourg. The toy was made by a Goodyear employee using a worn F1 front wheel tire. While it won't give Keke's competitors anything to worry about, the times he recorded in his Goodyear-shod Sandia-Williams should, as the start of the new season approaches with the March 13 Brazilian Grand Prix.

After Rohrl bags first stage**Demonstrators disrupt Rally**

LISBON, March 3 (Agencies) — Demonstrations by factory workers led to part of the second stage of the Portuguese Rally in the north of the country being canceled Thursday.

The rally was interrupted by officials after the factory workers blocked access to a bridge near Figueira Da Foz. A statement from the organizers said three of Thursday's five special trials had been canceled. The drivers were heading further north to the coastal town of Povoa de Varzim where the third stage of the rally will start this afternoon.

West German Walter Rohrl, winner of this year's Monte Carlo Rally, had won the first stage. Rohrl, followed in by fellow Lancia

Maple Leafs keep Flyers in check

NEW YORK, March 3 — The Philadelphia Flyers have been having a good run this season. But on Wednesday, they needed Mark Taylor's goal with 11:33 remaining to salvage a 2-2 National Hockey League tie with the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Elsewhere in the NHL, Glenn Andersson scored a tie-breaking power-play goal at 14:23 of the third period, as the Edmonton Oilers went on to a 5-3 victory over the Washington Capitals in an action-packed encounter.

Meanwhile, John Garrett recorded the first shutout of the season by a Vancouver goaltender and Thomas Grardin scored two first-period goals, leading the Canucks to a 3-0 victory over the Winnipeg Jets.

Tom Lysiak celebrated his return from a 12-game layoff by snapping a 1-1 tie in the second period as the Chicago Black Hawks went on to defeat the Los Angeles Kings 5-3 in a close contest. And St. Louis right wing Mark Reeds scored his first two goals of the season to give the Blues a 4-4 tie with the Minnesota North Stars in another action.

driver Markku Alen of Finland, won seven of the nine special stages in the race over 152 kms round the Simra Hills.

Michelle Mouton of France, last year's winner, came in seventh, two minutes 22 seconds behind the leader. She lost 46 seconds when a tire punctured. Mouton's Finnish teammate Hannu Mikkola was best-placed Audi Quattro driver in fourth position. Mikkola, who won the rally in 1979, was one minute nine seconds behind Rohrl.

Meanwhile, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway announced that Mario Andretti, the 1969 Indianapolis 500 winner, will drive one of two new Lola-Cosworth race cars entered Wednesday for the May 29 race.

Andretti, the 1978 world driving champion, will be seeking his 18th start at Indianapolis. He finished second in 1981 and 31st last year after his car was eliminated in a pace-lap crash.

The Speedway also received an entry for rookie Teo Fabi, who will pilot a new March-Cosworth for Forsythe racing of Wheeling. Fabi, 27, a native of Italy, has competed in international events since winning the 1977 Italian Formula Ford Championship. He drove for Newman's Can-Am team last year and won four of the 10 events in which he participated.

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Dog Detective Ranjha

9 The case of the dancing ghost

By Partap Sharma

It all began with a visit to us of a fat, round man in a suit smelling of petrol. Obviously, his suit had just been drycleaned. As he sat in a cane chair in the garden talking to Woof, I sniffed him and he eyed me with a kind of wary interest.

"Don't worry," Woof said, "that's just his way of getting acquainted. He sniffs everyone he meets."

The fair-complexioned fat man quivered like a jelly and gave a blubbery sort of laugh.

"Oh I'm not worried," he said. "I love dogs. In fact, it's because of him that I've come to see you."

"Oh?"

"My name is Dr. Modi," said the man, handing Woof his card. "I'm hoping to set up a sanitarium for convalescing patients on a large property between Panchgani and Mahabaleshwar. I'm being offered the place quite cheap. It has a beautiful old rambling house on it and magnificent views. Thirty-seven acres altogether."

"It sounds good," said Woof.

"Yes, just what I need. My patients will be delighted with it. Many of them are suffering from nervous complaints brought on by the pressures of city life. They'll find it most restful. But there is a problem."

"Ah."

"The place is said to be haunted. With a ... er ... ghost prancing about, my patients would be reduced to nervous wrecks."

"No doubt," Woof said. "But what sort of a ghost is this supposed to be?"

"Rather an attractive one. A female ghost of great beauty," Dr. Modi indulged in another blubbery laugh and gave me a friendly pat. His hand smelt of carbolic soap and Old Spice after-shave lotion.

"Has anyone ever seen this ghost?"

"Oh yes," said Dr. Modi and he took out a cologned handkerchief and dabbed at his brow. "The fact is, I've seen her myself."

"What?"

Dr. Modi nodded. "A pale sinuous figure dancing in the moonlight, holding a severed head in her hand."

Woof looked carefully at Dr. Modi for some time. Then he asked, "And is there some weird story behind this occurrence?"

"Of course. There always is, isn't there? People in the village of Gohad, which is about two miles away, say that it's the ghost of a young English lady who discovered one night that her brother had been murdered and beheaded. They say that she became hysterical and ran about in a state of undress, holding aloft the head of her brother. Poor woman."

"Surely you don't think the story is true?"

"Well," Dr. Modi laughed uncomfortably now, "I've seen the ghost so I suppose I must believe the story. The house is pretty old. Its style and architecture are British. Various British families lived there during the course of the last century and a half. Who can tell what took place in all that time or what didn't? Legends are sometimes the residue of history."

A servant carried out a tray of tea and set it down on the cane table. Dr. Modi sipped at his cup thoughtfully. Woof pursed his lips and continued to stir his tea.

After a while, Dr. Modi said, "The sanitarium will need to employ people locally. We'll need sweepers, gardeners, maid-servants. But no one from the village of

Gohad is prepared to come and work there."

"Perhaps they prefer to do their own farming or whatever."

"Oh no, that's not it. They need jobs. They're only too happy to work in an American establishment half a mile away. And they work for some of the bigger strawberry farms in the neighborhood."

"Hm. You said you had come to see us because of Ranjha. May I ask what you had in mind?"

"I'd like you to investigate this ghost. I thought of going to the police, but I'd look very silly, wouldn't I? I mean, they'd think me mad to be complaining about a ghost!"

"When does this thing appear? Does it have a preference for certain timings and certain nights?"

"I'm afraid not. It could appear any night, any time," Dr. Modi put down his cup of tea and laughed again. He added, "It would be easier if it was like other ghosts and came on the stroke of midnight or only on full moon nights."

Woof didn't seem too keen on spending his nights in some lonely spot waiting for a creature that might not appear. Sensing this, Dr. Modi took out a check book and wrote out a check. He handed it to Woof who looked at it in some surprise.

"Please," said Dr. Modi, "accept this as half the fee. I'm giving this to you in advance so that you realize that I'm prepared to pay even if it turns out to be a waste of your time. But I assure you, this is not a wild goose chase. The ghost exists and it must be laid to rest once and for all or I shall never be able to open my sanitarium there."

Woof said, "Dr. Modi, this is a large amount. Ranjha and I are not really professionals. We just enjoy solving mysteries."

"As far as I'm concerned you are professionals from now on. Frankly, if you also saw the ghost, it would reassure me. You see, I'm beginning to doubt my own sanity. If that sight could so frighten me, imagine what it would do to my patients!"

"And if I do see the ghost, then?"

"You must track it down."

"Track a ghost?"

"You can try."



"Yes, we can try. Sounds interesting. We've never tracked a ghost before."

All that sounded wonderful on a warm afternoon. But it was a different story waiting out in the cold, night after night, with the wind whistling eerily through the tall dry grass on 37 acres of terraced, deserted land. In the moonlight everything looked strange. In the distance, on the top of the hill, the rambling house sprawled like a monster asleep. The branches of a tree waving seemed like a panther about to leap; the surface of the cement tennis court near the house looked like a shimmering pool of water.

Something of Woof's nervousness also communicated itself to me. I often swiveled round fiercely, only to find that the sound had been made by falling leaves. Sometimes I was ready to attack and sometimes to run. I could feel my legs trembling under me. I felt a few times like sleeping but the chill wintry air pinched at my nose and limbs. Woof and I snuggled together for warmth. But out there in the open, sheltered only by the soughing grass, there was no question of relaxing. I hated those nights. They made me far too tense.

Once Woof accidentally touched my tail and I spun round and had his hand in my mouth before I realized it was him.

We heard the jackals and the hyenas, but they must have smelt my presence for they didn't dare approach. On the third night, there was a coughing sound like that of a panther. Woof heard it too. We moved quietly toward our car which was parked in a thicket. From then on we sat in the car and waited. Woof had brought along biscuits for me and a flask of coffee for himself and the waiting became more bearable.

On the fifth night, we saw her. She was dancing on the hard surface of the tennis court and she had in her hands, as Dr. Modi had said, a severed head.

Woof gave a little gasp and froze. He couldn't take his eyes off the swirling figure. It was a maniacal kind of dance. Sometimes she set the head down and swayed and leaped about over it; sometimes she held it up and turned like a top. Her hair swam in the air. Boating behind her like weeds in a river. It was graceful and terrible at the same time.

I nudged Woof with my nose. He seemed to have forgotten why we were there. He gave a little jump in his seat. Then, recovering, he sighed with relief, patted me once and quietly opened the door for me. He whispered, "Arrest!"

I slipped out and raced through the high, swishing grass. I was moving by instinct rather than sight. I jumped from terrace to terrace, making as directly as I could for the tennis court.

She must have seen the movement in the grass for when I got there she had vanished.

I charged over the cement surface, crisscrossing it a number of times in a panic of eagerness. In my haste, I forgot for a moment the most elementary part of my training. I should have stayed calm and immediately used my nose.

Now I heard the car door open in the distance and Woof shouting as loudly as he could, "Ranjha, scented! Track! Arrest!" I heard him and stopped. And put my nose to the ground and started meandering in search of a scent. Yes, there it was. Very strong. A human scent. A female scent, mixed with a smell of paint and paper. Suddenly, wham! I was up against a football-sized object on the ground. It was the severed head.

I touched it with a paw, it rolled over, hollow. It was made of papier-mâché, and of course it carried the scent of the woman who had been dancing with it in her hands.

The woman must be hiding somewhere in the darkness, watching me. From the shadows of the house. I heard a gasp and then a scream. I must have seemed pretty frightening myself - a big black-and-tan shape bounding about and then snuffing toward her in the blindness of the night. I could hear her scrambling about now, and then there was the sound of breaking glass and a window being opened and someone wriggling in.

Like a fish being reeled in on a line, I was drawn straight to the window. She began to scream now, in English, "Help! Help!"

I started to clamber in but she shut the window in my face. I fell back. The next time I sprang straight at the window. The flimsy wooden network broke and more glass shattered. But now she had the back of a chair against the window.

Woof drove up in the car and got out. I barked to let him know that she was inside. He kept the headlights on full beam. A pale, trembling face appeared at the window.



Illustrations by Abdurahim Alireza

"Thank God," she said. "It's only a dog. I thought it was a panther!"

Woof patted me and asked me to relax. Then he helped her out. She was no ghost. She was very much flesh and blood. She was bleeding on her arm and had two splinters of glass in it. Woof removed the splinters and gave her medicine from the first-aid kit in the car.

She was a middle-aged American lady dressed in skin-colored ballet tights.

"What on earth were you doing?" Woof asked.

She seemed a little embarrassed but she explained that she lived in an American establishment run by a sect a short distance from there. She had been in India three years now and had come "to get away from it all" after a car accident had damaged one of her legs. She had been a ballet dancer and the accident had deprived her of the chance of opening on Broadway in a show called *Herod*. She was to have played the female lead, Salome. The show never opened because the backers pulled out after her accident.

"No wonder you looked so familiar just now," Woof said. "I read about your accident. The papers were full of your photographs and comments about how a great career had been ruined."

"Well —" she grinned a little sadly — "I guess I haven't quite given up hope. I had to get away from all that crippling publicity. And here, where no one could see me, I thought I'd practice the part of Salome. Maybe I could still surprise them one day."

"Why not? You still might," said Woof sympathetically. "But why choose such a desolated place as this? And why rehearse at night? I understand that it's difficult for you to perform the dance of the seven veils in the midst of a sect but —"

"It's not that," she protested. "They're quite sweet really. It's just that they'd think me crazy. I mean, I should give up, shouldn't I? After all, I've a permanently injured leg! But I'm going on."

"Right," Woof said. "Right. But, if you don't mind my saying so, this is not New York. You can't trapeze about here at night. There really might be a panther or two around."

She nodded and said, "Your dog reminded me of that." She ruffled my hair and tugged at my neck affectionately then she sighed and added, "But, you know, New York is far less safe than this place. You couldn't go about alone at night there because of the human beings. There are

muggings and crimes and —"

Woof interrupted her with a laugh. He said, I think I have an ideal solution to your problem. You'll be able to patch up your nerves and rehearse at the same time. You'll be able, if you like, to rehearse right here."

"Say on," she said.

"The well-known specialist, Dr. Modi, is turning this place into a sanitarium for convalescents. It could open within a week."

Geet, that's a great idea! How do I meet this Dr. Modi?"

"Leave that to me. He'll be delighted to meet the ghost."

"The ghost? What ghost?"

Woof explained.

She couldn't stop laughing. Eventually she said, and I thought no one could see me here I had no idea I was striking terror into the district."

"There is one thing I'd still like to ask you," said Woof. How did you seem to appear and disappear?"

"Did I? I've no idea."

"From a distance that's how it seemed. One second you were there, another you were not."

"Hold it!" she exclaimed. "I've got it! It must've been my black cape and hood."

She reached in through the window and pulled out her cape. It was a dark woolen one. As she wrapped it round herself and donned the hood, she seemed to merge with the night.

We accompanied her to the back of the house. There she climbed on her bicycle and vanished silently down the back road.

"Well," said Woof to me as we walked back to the car, "tomorrow Dr. Modican go over and meet the dancing ghost. I'm looking forward to the rest of the fee. We'll buy you a warm rug for cold nights to be spent in the car waiting for ghosts!"

As Woof was about to get into the car, I gave a little growl. He had forgotten something. He looked at me in puzzlement and asked, "What is it?"

I trotted back to the tennis court and picked up the severed head.

"A papier-mâché mask," Woof said and chuckling he placed it on the seat beside him.

He telephoned her the next day and told her we had the mask. She was quite happy to let us keep it.

(To be continued Next Friday)

Bookstore bans the short and the ugly

By Peter McGill

using them as hiring policy.

"Argumentative women" are not to be employed. Those who have "belonged to school newspaper clubs need to be watched carefully." Anyone who has studied law at university, or has an interest in the law, is frowned upon. "Those people who are

interested in law might tend to refer to a book all the time, and might be prejudiced," Furuchi said.

In November last year, another Japanese company, Sumitomo Corporation, was heavily fined by a U.S. court for discriminatory employment practices against women.

If Japan's Kinokuniya bookshop chain published honest staff advertisements, that is how they might read, it is alleged by trade union officials who claim to have discovered the company's secret list of 23 hiring "guidelines."

The disclosure has led to an uproar from Japanese feminists, the formation of a special group of 20 women employees to fight discrimination and a demand to the Labor Ministry for action against the company, which has branches in New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles and London.

Kinokuniya says vaguely that most of the guidelines have never been used except in the hiring of part-time workers. As it happens, part-timers make up 40 percent of the store's 800 female staff.

According to Kinokuniya's personnel chief, Masaru Furuchi, the guidelines sprang from a "research meeting" of all the "general affairs" staff at a spa town near Tokyo in 1972. "We asked the members what they considered was good for the company," Furuchi explained.

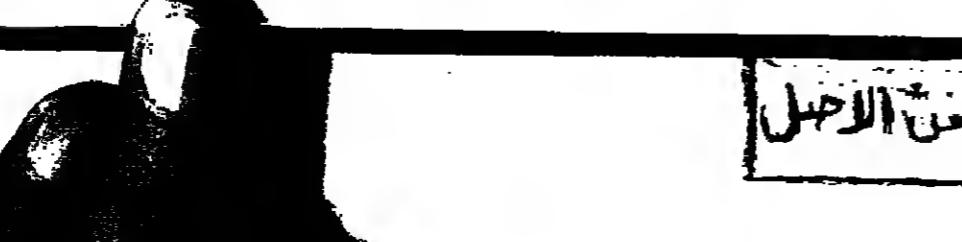
As a result of that meeting, guidelines were sent out three years later to personnel chiefs of all Kinokuniya's 28 branches in Japan. Furuchi said the guidelines for part-timers were used for only two years until 1975, and that the document was then kept as a record.

Kinokuniya's workers reply that the claim is nonsense, and one women's group says the store has been using the guidelines all along.

Among the listed prohibitions are divorced women, those whose husbands are lecturers or writers, those who live away from their families, any who have been nurses, have changed jobs before or who have "spent a lot of time at home doing nothing."

Rules for full-timers are even more rigorous. "Ugly women are to be avoided at all costs," as are "country bumpkins," "stupid women" or those with "rural manners."

According to Furuchi, those particular conditions were agreed upon after it was discovered a major Japanese bank had been



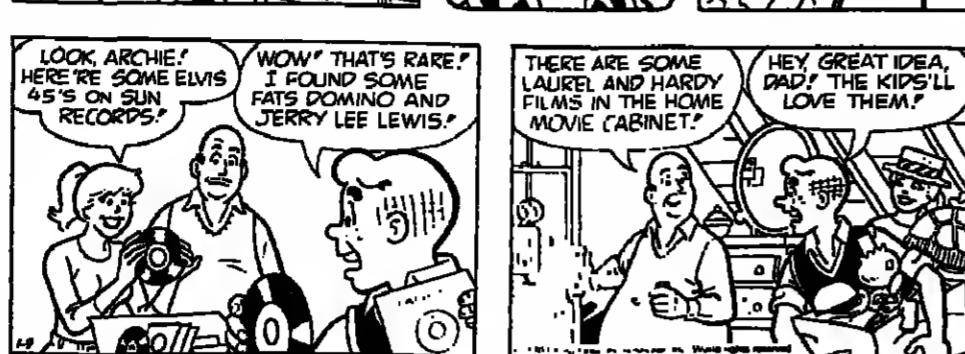
PIZZA EXPERT: Heinrich Wittmann, a Vienna pastry maker, throwing pizza dough. Wittmann is considered a world master in the art of making gigantic pizza pies.

Arabian cuisine: varieties of moussaka

Jeddah — The following are excerpts from the forthcoming book,

Arabian Cuisine, by Anne Marie Weiss-Armstrong:

A splendid meal in itself, *moussaka* is



REDEYE



by Gordon Bess



AGATHA CRUMM



by Bill Hoest



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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 1983



ARIES

(Mar. 21 to April 19)

Problems with friends could arise over money matters. You need care with credit and should avoid hasty financial moves.

TAURUS

(April 20 to May 20)

Don't raise controversial issues with close ties. Pay attention to details at work. A higher-up holds inconsistent viewpoints.

GEMINI

(May 21 to June 20)

Your mind is working overtime now. Don't second-guess yourself. Allow the free flow of intuition to work. Don't get smart-alecky.

CANCER

(June 21 to July 22)

A nit-picking attitude could cause problems to erupt with loved ones. In business, you may meet a flirtatious type.

LEO

(July 23 to Aug. 22)

Some small problems at home needn't lead to major hassles. Visitors could show up when you're not in the mood for company.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

You're inclined to magnify the importance of little things. Remember others are not as attentive to details as you are.

PISCES

(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

If seeking advice, you'll get conflicting opinions. Instead of studying, students may try to get by on their wits.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

You're inclined to skim the surface in business. Be especially attentive to details. Be sure of your facts before speaking.

PIRATES

(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

If seeking advice, you'll get conflicting opinions. Instead of studying, students may try to get by on their wits.

arab news Calendar

TV Programs

Saudi Arabia

5:19 All Creatures Great and Small/Horse Sense
6:19 Bedtime Stories
6:30 Open Sesame
6:45 Family Interview
7:00 House Party
7:30 Religious Program
8:00 Quran
8:30 Friday Noon Prayers Live
— The Countryside of My
— North West
— Events in a Week
— Children's Series (Dubbed)
— Cartoons
— TV Series
— Children's Program
— 6:00 Unarmed World
— Sheikh Sharawi
7:00 English News
7:15 English News
— Muslim Weekly Series Song
9:30 Arabic News
— Program Review
— Stop
— 10:30 Jingles
— Short Comedy Series
— Weekly Islamic Series
— News Summary
— Closedown
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11:00 NBA Basketball 70's
11:30 TV Show
2:30 Post Bowlers Tour 70's
3:45 10:30... 's Show
3:45 Movie Matinee/Rocky

5:19 Moonrise Race
5:30 All Creatures Great and Small/Horse Sense
6:19 Bedtime Stories
6:30 Religious Talk
7:00 Open Sesame
7:30 Family Interview
7:59 Hart to Hard-Hart
8:00 Quran
8:30 Friday Noon
9:10 Amateur Club
9:30 Daily Arabic Series
10:00 World News
10:30 English/Program Preview
11:00 TV Series
11:15 8:00 Arabic Feature Film
11:30 Closedown

Bahrain Channel 4
4:00 Quran
4:10 Religious Talk
4:30 Program Preview
4:50 Cartoons
5:30 Arabic Film Play
6:00 Health Program
6:30 Daily Arabic Series
7:00 English News
7:15 English News
8:00 Quran
8:30 Friday Noon
9:00 Religious Program
9:30 Events of the Week
11:00 Feature Film

Bahrain Channel 55
3:00 Holy Quran
3:10 Cartoons
3:45 English News
4:20 8:00 Feature Film
5:30 World Championship Tennis
6:00 Gold Gloves (Boxing)

Dubai Channel 33
3:00 Holy Quran
3:10 Cartoons
3:45 English News
4:20 8:00 Feature Film
5:30 World Championship Tennis
6:00 Gold Gloves (Boxing)

Dubai Channel 4
4:00 Quran
4:10 Religious Talk
4:30 Program Preview
4:50 Cartoons
5:30 Arabic Film Play
6:00 Health Program
6:30 Daily Arabic Series
7:00 English News
7:15 English News
8:00 Quran
8:30 Friday Noon
9:00 Religious Program
9:30 Events of the Week
11:00 Feature Film — (linked with Channel 10)

Dubai Channel 10
2:00 Holy Quran
2:15 Religious Talk
2:30 Cartoons
3:00 Children's Program

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Rival Chad team sent back

Move to oust Egypt from nonaligned fails

NEW DELHI, March 3 (R) — Political disputes surfaced Thursday over Egypt's membership of the nonaligned movement and rival claims to represent Chad and Kampuchea as foreign ministers prepared for next week's summit.

Arab foreign ministers turned down a call by Libya and Syria at a strategy session early Thursday for Egypt's expulsion from the 97-member movement because of its 1979 peace treaty with Israel. Libya tried again to raise the issue of Egypt's membership, without success, in the conference of foreign ministers.

It attacked the peace treaty and proposed discussion of resolution from the last nonaligned summit in Havana in 1979 to consider Egypt's suspension from the movement. But there was no response from other delegates and the chairman, Indian Foreign Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao, declared the issue closed.

It was not known whether the summit would discuss the question. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak is expected to attend the meeting but Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi's attendance is uncertain.

Hosts of a possible row over the Chad representation emerged when a two-man delegation from the ousted government of Goukouni Oueddei arrived in New Delhi, apparently intending to claim the Chad seat at the conference. But Indian authorities asked them to leave and they were expected

to fly out later in the day, delegates said.

The Chad seat in the nonaligned movement is held by the government of Hisseine Habre, which ousted Goukouni last June. Libya, which backs Goukouni, is the only country to have raised the Chad issue at the conference. It objected to the presence of the Chad delegation but had no support from other nations.

The question of who should represent Kampuchea — the Vietnamese-backed government of Heng Samrin in Phnom Penh or a rival anti-Communist coalition led by Prince Sihanouk — turned into a more contentious conference issue. Malaysia, leading attempts by non-Communist Southeast Asian countries to have Prince Sihanouk invited to the summit, told the foreign ministers Thursday his absence would be a tragedy.

Foreign Minister Ghazi Shafie said a decision by the Havana summit to leave the Kampuchean seat vacant was irregular and arbitrary. Vietnam has vowed to oppose attempts to have Prince Sihanouk's coalition, which the United Nations recognizes as Kampuchea's legitimate government, to take the country's seat in the nonaligned movement.

Habib has pressed for the Heog Samro government to represent Kampuchea, the only one of the movement's members officially listed as absent from the New Delhi conference because of the Havana resolution.

For backing Israeli aggression

Kaddoumi blasts U.S.

NEW DELHI, March 3 (R) — The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) accused the United States at a meeting of nonaligned foreign ministers Thursday of backing an Israeli attempt to eliminate the Palestinians.

Farouk Kaddoumi, director of the PLO's political department, said Liberation movements were looking to the nonaligned conference for support to help combat apartheid, Zionism and all forms of imperialism.

"We have been exposed to a Zionist invasion (in Lebanon), fully backed by the United States, to wipe out our race and identity," he told the inaugural session of the two-day ministerial meeting.

Kaddoumi was referring to Israel's invasion of Lebanon last June, the exodus of thousands of PLO commandos from Beirut, and the massacre of hundreds of people in two Palestinian refugee camps. He warned the ministers there was a serious threat to world peace unless practical support was offered to liberation movements.

The PLO is a full member of the nonaligned movement and has been elected one of the 22 vice chairmen of the ministerial conference.

Pakistan's foreign minister, Sahibzada Yaqub Khan, said the seventh nonaligned summit was taking place against a backdrop of "a grim international situation characterized by conflicts and turmoil, a deepening crisis in the international economic system and growing danger of a nuclear war." He made no direct reference to the Soviet military presence in Afghanistan, which is looming as a major conference issue.

But he said one of the most important tasks facing nonaligned states was "combating great power policies directed at subjugating independent states."

Millions stream into San Jose

Pope visits handicapped

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, March 3 (AP) — Pope John Paul II, on a Latin American tour to "share the pain of the people," made an emotional visit Thursday to a hospital for retarded and seriously injured children, touching their heads and caressing their cheeks.

Security guards struggled to keep crowds from surging into the hospital behind the pope. Nurses cried as the pope stopped by the beds of the boys and girls.

Meanwhile, Costa Ricans streamed into the capital, to see the pope. Church leaders predicted as many as 1 million people — two-fifths of the country's population — would congregate at one place to see the pope. Vendors with large piles of watermelons and soft drinks were on hand, and all businesses and government offices were closed. Some people slept in the park overnight, to get good views of the pontiff.

The Polish-born pontiff also met with San Jose's tiny Polish community, and with Costa Rican President Luis Alberto Monge.

Costa Rica is a peaceful and democratic oasis in Central America, but the pope's

7 face criminal proceedings

Italy probes plot on Walesa

ROME, March 3 (AP) — Magistrates have told seven men, including four Bulgarians, they are under investigation for a purported plot to kill Polish labor leader Lech Walesa who was reportedly in Rome at the time.

Judge Ilario Martella, probing the shooting of the pope, turned over Agca's testimony on the purported plot to the magistrates investigating the Scricciolo case. Fernando Scricciolo and Rosario Priore.

Scricciolo is jail on charges of espionage and terrorism. He is suspected of working for Bulgarian spies in the Embassy and of attempting to establish ties between Bulgarians in Rome and the Red Brigades during the kidnapping of U.S. Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier by the leftist terrorists in December 1981.

Scricciolo and Scordo are former members of the Socialist-led UTL labor federation that helped arrange Walesa's visit to Rome. On that trip, Walesa met with the pope who praised the independent labor union Solidarity that Walesa led.

The letter tells a suspect he is being investigated and is the first step of a criminal proceeding in Italy, but does not represent a formal charge.

Agca told investigators about the purported plot to plant a bomb under a car. Wal-

Australian polls forecast Labor victory

SYDNEY, March 3 (R) — Australians, disillusioned by rising unemployment and inflation after seven years of conservative rule, seem certain to elect former trade union leader Bob Hawke prime minister in Saturday's general election. If he wins, as all opinion polls now say he will, Hawke will head only the second labor government here since 1949.

A labor victory would end seven years of hard-line monetarist policies the Fraser administration pursued in its efforts to lower inflation. If Fraser's coalition retains power, it has promised "more of the same."

A nationwide swing to Labor of only 1.4 percent would give it the 11 seats it needs to topple the Liberal-National coalition government's existing 21-seat parliamentary majority and Hawke's personal support appears to have ensured that.

The latest poll published Thursday in the main business newspaper, *The Australian Financial Review*, showed 73 percent of those questioned thought labor would win and only

17 percent expected Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser to retain power.

Two major surveys published Wednesday showed labor at least 10 points ahead, a lead it has held since the election was announced on Feb. 3.

Polling on Saturday will end at 8 p.m. (0900 GMT) in eastern states, where most of Australia's nine million voters live, and three hours later in western Australia. The voting trend should be known by about 9 p.m. with the result clear in another hour.

Opinion polls point to a clear labor victory but they also did so in 1980 when Fraser kept up a furious campaign until the end and snatched victory from Bill Hayden, then Labor leader. Commentators have said it is possible, if unlikely, that Fraser could win again if voters decided at the last moment not to gamble on a new government at a time of economic difficulty. Fraser need not have gone to the polls until October when his full three-year term would have expired. Following are the profiles of Fraser and Hawke:

Hawke is fiery, skillful

CANBERRA, March 3 (R) — Bob Hawke's fiery oratory and rugged good looks may be the Labor Party's most important assets in its campaign to govern Australia for only the second time in the last 34 years.

In an election fought as much on personalities as on policies, Hawke's charisma seems as important with voters as the country's gloomy unemployment and inflation statistics, the worst since World War II. Hawke replaced uninspiring party leader Bill Hayden soon after Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser announced the snap election and the ensuing campaign has been the hottest in Australia's history.

A populist hero whose earlier bouts with

alcoholism and despair were avidly followed by the public, Hawke has a fist-waving campaign style which differs sharply from the aloof image of Fraser, whose liberal-national coalition has been in power since 1975.

Hawke, 53, the son of a rural preacher, has been considered a potential prime minister as long as his family can remember, and has always been committed to getting a better deal for the working man.

Both candidates to be prime minister for the next three years studied at Oxford University in Britain where Hawke, a Rhodes scholar, earned a reputation as a bright man.

His three years studying Australia's arbitration system at Oxford stood him in good stead when he joined the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) as a researcher in 1957. By the 1970s he was ACTU president, and his negotiating prowess earned him the nickname of Australia's "second" prime minister. He was credited with having settled every major labor dispute in those turbulent years.

Under his leadership the union movement began to extend its activities outside the traditional areas of wages and working conditions. Almost single-handedly, Hawke carried the unions with him in an often unpopular campaign to end Australian sporting contacts with South Africa.

Elected president of the Labor Party in 1973, Hawke resigned five years later to devote more time to his union activities. After an earlier attempt to enter parliament failed in the 1960s, he won a seat in his second attempt in 1980 and gave up alcohol and the earthy language that had given him a populist appeal.

Short haircut, long slashing

RICHMOND, California March 3 (AP) — A barber has been charged with assault with a deadly weapon after he allegedly slashed a customer from chest to groin with a straight razor for refusing to pay for a "bad" haircut, police said.

According to police reports about the Tuesday afternoon slaying, barber Clinton Crowder, 40, was arrested after he returned to Owoe's barbershop and was pointed out to police by witnesses.

Willie May, 44, was released from a hospital Wednesday following treatment of multiple knife wounds. Witnesses told police the incident was triggered when May complained that his hair was too short and threatened to leave without paying the \$8 bill.

Clinton allegedly slashed May down the front of his body as May left the shop, police said. May ran outside and hit the side of a passing car before slumping to the sidewalk where he was then slashed three more times, witnesses said.

The 1978 slaying was the second in a series of attacks on barbershops in the Richmond area. The first, in 1977, was blamed on a man who was later convicted of killing a police officer in San Francisco.

"Many nights I slept on the bare floor outside her door, ready to respond to her summons," Miss Hansen said. "Whenever visitors came to the house, I was sent away."

Miss Hansen could not fully explain why she had succumbed to such tyranny, other than that "I was scared of her."

Six young Guatemalans executed

GUATEMALA, March 3 (Agencies) — Six Guatemalans sentenced to death for subversive acts were executed by firing squad at dawn Thursday in the city's main cemetery. Firemen who removed the bodies con-

firmed the executions. Newsmen were not allowed to watch and there has been no official announcement. The executions took place only four days before Pope John Paul II's arrival here.

The six men were found guilty by the military court of kidnapping and unspecified acts of terrorism.

Secrets shrouds the anti-guerrilla military tribunals set up by Gen. Efrain Rios Montt last July as part of his campaign against leftist insurgency. Officials say the courts' venue and judges are not disclosed to protect their members from assassination attempts.

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Copenhagen	-2	30	2	36	cloudy	
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